

HCS HB 819 -- PUBLIC ACCESS TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR
ACT

SPONSOR: Cooper

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Health
Care Policy by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute establishes the Public Access to Automated
External Defibrillator Act which grants immunity for civil
damages to any person who gratuitously and in good faith renders
medically appropriate emergency care using an automated external
defibrillator, the person or entity that owns the defibrillator,
and the person or entity that provided the clinical protocol for
an automated external defibrillator site or program.

The provisions of the substitute will not apply when the person
acts in a willful and wanton or reckless manner in providing the
care, advice, or assistance.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and
FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will increase the usage
of automated external defibrillators (AEDs), reduces obstacles to
the use and availability of AEDs, protects people willing to take
action in an emergency, and can deliver life-saving intervention.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cooper; American
Heart Association; Steve Earle; St. Louis Chapter of the American
Red Cross; Richard Bylund; William Schafer; and Metropolitan
Ambulance Services Trust.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.