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House Bill 4497

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on Education then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §18-2-25b, relating to requiring an external defibrillator device at any
 3 secondary school athlete event under the control, supervision and regulation of the West
 4 Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission; requiring training of sports personnel
 5 and naming the law The Alex Miller Law.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-25b. Defibrillator required at certain events.

1 In memory of Alex Miller, a Roane County football player who collapsed and died during
 2 a school football game, this law shall be known as The Alex Miller Law.

3 The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall require that an
 4 automated external defibrillator device be present during the duration of all extramural high school
 5 or middle school athletic events under the control, supervision and regulation of the commission,
 6 and that all school sports personnel be trained in the use of the device.

7 The commission shall propose, with prior approval of the State Board of Education, rules
 8 for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3B-1 et seq. of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require an automated defibrillator device and a trained device operator be present at all secondary school athletic events. The law shall be called The Alex Miller Law, in memory of Alex Miller, a Roane County football player who collapsed and died during a game.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.