AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 836
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, in line 2, strike “Reports” and substitute “Emergency Action Plans”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “year;” in line 6; in line 9, after “athletes;” insert “requiring the State Board of Education to develop and implement a certain educational program for student athletes; requiring middle schools and high schools to develop venue–specific emergency action plans for the operation and use of automatic external defibrillators, heat acclimatization, and coordination of care for other emergent injuries and severe weather for outdoor facilities;”; strike in their entirety lines 11 through 15, inclusive; and after line 20, insert:

“BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–450
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 1 through line 23 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 25 and 26; in line 27, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “(B)”; and in the same line, strike “(1)”.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 20, inclusive; in line 21, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “(C)”; and after line 26, insert:
“(C) EACH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL SHALL DEVELOP A VENUE–SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR THE OPERATION AND USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 7–450 OF THIS SUBTITLE.”.

On page 4, in line 20, after “athletes” insert “CONSISTENT WITH THE MODEL POLICY FOR PRESEASON–PRACTICE HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT ATHLETES ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION”.

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 4 through line 8 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, after line 8, insert:

“(D) EACH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL SHALL DEVELOP A VENUE–SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 7–450 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

7–450.

(A) (1) EACH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL SHALL DEVELOP A VENUE–SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR ALL ATHLETIC FACILITIES.

(2) A VENUE–SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN INCLUDES:

(i) THE OPERATION AND USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7–425 OF THIS SUBTITLE;
(II) **HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7–434 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

(III) **COORDINATION OF CARE FOR OTHER EMERGENT INJURIES, INCLUDING CERVICAL SPINAL INJURY, CONCUSSION AND CLOSED HEAD INJURY, MAJOR ORTHOPEDIC INJURIES, AND SEVERE WEATHER FOR OUTDOOR FACILITIES.**

(B) **A VENUE–SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:**

(1) **POSTED AT EACH ATHLETIC FACILITY AT THE SCHOOL;**

(2) **AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL’S WEBSITE FOR VIEWING BY A STUDENT ATHLETE’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR;**

(3) **DISTRIBUTED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COACHING STAFF;**

AND

(4) **REHEARSED IN PERSON AND INTERACTIVELY BY ALL OF THE COACHING STAFF OF EACH SPORT BEFORE EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SEASONS.**

(C) **THE PROVISIONS OF A VENUE–SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR THE OPERATION AND USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS SHALL ENSURE THAT:**
(1) An automated external defibrillator is provided on-site and is located at or within a brief walk from an athletic practice or event on school property;

(2) An automated external defibrillator is freely accessible during all school functions;

(3) All members of the coaching staff are trained in the operation and use of an automated external defibrillator; and

(4) A trained member of the coaching staff is present at all athletic practices and events on school property.

(D) The provisions of a venue–specific emergency action plan for heat acclimatization shall:

(1) Include guidelines for student athletes consistent with the Model Policy for Preseason–Practice Heat Acclimatization Guidelines for Student Athletes established under § 7–434 of this subtitle;

(2) Ensure that each school is properly prepared and equipped to initiate cold water immersion for the treatment of exertional heat stroke;

(3) Ensure that the cooling modality is readily available to student athletes at all athletic practices and events on school property;
(4) **Ensure that all members of the coaching staff are trained in cold water immersion; and**

(5) **Ensure that a trained member of the coaching staff is present at all athletic practices and events on school property.**