



PA 25-160—sHB 7200

Public Safety and Security Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING BLEEDING CONTROL TRAINING AND KITS

SUMMARY: This act allows the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to administer a bleeding control trainer qualification program in each district health department. Anyone currently qualified as a bleeding control trainer through this program may provide bleeding control training to members of the public.

The act also prohibits any fee from being charged to any individual or member of the public for participating in (1) any trainer qualification program or (2) a bleeding control training.

Under the act, police officers or probationary candidates who receive bleeding control training from a qualified bleeding control trainer must be given credit for the training toward the basic or review training requirements.

The act also allows the Department of Public Health (DPH) to work with local health departments to install bleeding control kits in certain public places (e.g., public buildings).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

BLEEDING CONTROL TRAINER QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

Under the act, if DESPP administers the program, the program must (1) use a training model developed by a nonprofit organization that specializes in bleeding control, and (2) provide qualification in bleeding control training to allow participants who successfully complete the program to provide bleeding control training to others.

If DESPP administers the program, each district's health director must determine the program's eligibility criteria. Participants must be members of the following groups within the district:

1. employees of the district health department, youth service bureaus, schools, or municipalities, including municipal social service agencies;
2. employees and volunteers of youth-serving organizations and youth athletic activities operated by businesses, nonprofits, or a municipality; and
3. members of paid municipal or volunteer fire departments, local police departments, and local and regional boards of education.

The trainer qualification program may be included as part of an in-service training program for school employees (e.g., teachers, administrators, paraeducators, nurses, and social workers).

The act allows DESPP to partner with a non-profit that specializes in bleeding control to implement these provisions.

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BLEEDING CONTROL KIT

The act allows the DPH commissioner to work with local health departments to install bleeding control kits in (1) public building and (2) places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement. Any installed kit must be centrally located, clearly visible, and easily accessible. The kit may be placed in a cabinet or case that stores an automatic external defibrillator, but the cabinet or case where a kit is placed must be clearly marked as containing a kit.

Under the act, a “bleeding control kit” is a set of materials used to give first aid to a person suffering from serious bleeding or a bleeding emergency, including tourniquets, compression bandages, bleeding control bandages, emergency blankets, latex-free gloves, markers, and scissors. It also includes instructional documents developed by a nonprofit organization that specializes in bleeding control, the U.S. Department of Defense, or a similar agency that describes methods to prevent blood loss following a traumatic event.

The act allows the DPH commissioner to accept donations of bleeding control kits and may use these kits in the places listed above.