



Cardiac Emergency Response Plans in Schools

The Smart Heart Act - S278

WHAT IS A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (CERP)?

A CERP is a formal plan that outlines specific steps to reduce the risk of death from cardiac arrest in schools. CERPs ensure that designated school personnel are adequately trained to in lifesaving response protocols.



1 in 10 North Carolinians
do not survive cardiac arrest.



Approximately 70%
surveyed of North Carolina
schools are not prepared
for a cardiac emergency.



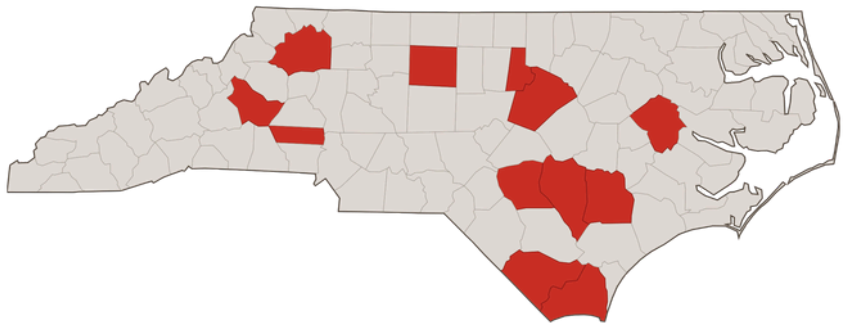
CERPs more than
DOUBLE survival rates
from cardiac arrest.

THE SMART HEART ACT WOULD REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO:

- Adopt and implement Cardiac Emergency Response Plans.
- Strengthen Automated External Defibrillator (AED) placement & maintenance requirements.
- Require appropriate school staff to obtain training for CPR and AED use.

12 COUNTIES

reported using an AED
on a student, staff
member, or visitor
within their schools in
the 23-24 school year.



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