

HB 1363

Mr. Chairman, and members of the House Education Committee. For the record I am Representative Lisa Meier of District 32 in Bismarck.

HB 1363 directs Public and Non-Public schools in ND and athletic events to have a cardiac response plan and incorporates cardiac emergency response plan drills for implementation in schools.

I've had the opportunity to work with the American Heart Association on this legislation and they will walk through the bill.

I know that some schools have a great plan in place to address this important issue. Heart disease is the number 1 cause of death for North Dakotans. Schools are often a gathering place for community events. Approximately 70% of children survive cardiac arrests when a AED is used. The goal with this legislation is to save lives. I thank you for your consideration.