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Assemblywoman Melendez's Bill to Protect Children Signed by the Governor

AB 2217 paves the road for AEDs in California schools

Sacramento – Assemblywoman Melissa A. Melendez, R-Lake Elsinore, announced today Governor Jerry Brown signed her bill to protect school children.

Assembly Bill 2217 is designed to allow School districts to install Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and protect school districts and their employees from civil damages when using an AED in the event of an emergency.

"This law has the potential to save lives in our state's schools," Melendez said. ***"After two years of hard work to get this bill passed and signed, I am happy our schools will now be able to install this life saving technology."***

Many school districts are reluctant to acquire AEDs because existing law does not clearly protect them from civil damages if an AED is used in good faith. With the passage of AB 2217, children will be in even better hands when they are at school.

"Nearly 6,000 children die each year in the United States as a result of sudden cardiac arrest," said Melendez. ***"This bill removes the barriers for school districts to obtain AEDs, and in doing so will help prevent these tragic deaths."***

Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez represents the 67th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Murrieta, Menifee, Wildomar and a portion of Hemet. It also includes the Riverside County unincorporated areas of Lake Mathews, Good Hope, Nuevo, and Winchester.

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