

Dear State Representative K,yle Mullica-House District 34,

We, as members of the Colorado Trauma Network (CTN), attended the Colorado Nurses Day on the Hill this past February. Later that evening, we had the opportunity to dine with HR Holtorf. During dinner we discussed Stop the Bleed kits being placed in Colorado schools. HR Holtorf asked for information on states that have enacted **Stop the Bleed** legislation. The CTN and the Colorado Committee on Trauma (COT) would like to provide you with information as well. The following states have enacted legislation for Stop the Bleed funding to place bleeding control kits in public schools and governmental buildings: **California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, New York, Tennessee, and Texas**. The Colorado Trauma Network and the Colorado Committee on Trauma endorse that Colorado be the next state to enact such support.

Each year, more than 180,000 people die from traumatic injuries sustained which includes motor vehicle crashes, falls, industrial/ farm accidents, interpersonal violence, natural disasters, and tragic mass casualty events. The most common **preventable** cause of death in these situations is hemorrhage, life-threatening bleeding, in the minutes before trained immediate responders arrive. No matter how rapid the arrival of professional emergency responders, bystanders will always be first on the scene, and their ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and intervene effectively can save lives. The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) is leading the effort to save lives by teaching the civilian population to provide vital initial response to stop uncontrolled bleeding in emergency situations with Stop the Bleed. Stop the Bleed is a national awareness and education campaign and call to action intended to cultivate grassroots efforts and encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

Stop the bleed kits are being deployed to numerous large businesses, places of worship, and large venues around our State. However, Colorado's schools have not been able to obtain these kits in a uniform manner due to a lack of funding. Unfortunately, we know all too well here in Colorado the risk that is presented to our students from intentional mass violence. However, major bleeding occurs in day to day accidents around our state. While we can never make schools perfectly safe, **no child in Colorado should die from bleeding at school**. For a small investment of funds, we can significantly improve our schools preparedness for life threatening bleeding and save the lives of our sons and daughters.

We consist of citizens and organizations who want to save lives and need your assistance to sponsor legislation to put Stop the Bleed Kits in Colorado schools. We are Colorado doctors, nurses, trauma surgeons, emergency workers, educators, first responders, teachers, parents, teenagers, veterans, government officials, your neighbors and constituents. Supporting this legislation could in fact save **your** life or the life of **your** loved ones. The Stop the Bleed campaign has been successful in its efforts to inform, educate, and empower the more than 300 million citizens of the United States.

Details regarding states already enacting legislation include:

- California General Assembly- **A.B 238**
 - Requires the placement of bleeding control kits in public buildings and schools.
- Georgia General Assembly-**House Bill**
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- Illinois General Assembly- **House Bill 3432**
 - Each school in the district maintains a trauma kit for bleeding emergencies. Training required may be satisfy by on-line training available for the American College of Surgeons or similar organizations.
- State of Indiana-**House Bill 1063**
 - School safety equipment. Each school and charter school develop and implement a Stop the Bleed program. Requires a school's safety plan to include the location of bleeding control kits.
- Missouri General Assembly- **House Bill 1991**
 - Requires the placement of one Bleeding Control kit per classroom
- North Carolina General Assembly-**House Bill 288**
 - An Act that requires the use of AEDs and Bleeding Control as part of the required first aid training for public school students. Requires the placement of Trauma Kits in public schools.
- New York General Assembly-**A9092**
 - Requires the development of a bleeding control kit program and the installation of bleeding control kits in schools
- Tennessee General Assembly-**House Bill 215**
 - Each local education agency shall develop and implement a "Stop the Bleed "program. At **least** one bleeding control kit needs to be places in an easily accessible location within the school. All LEA employees are required to receive training on the use of bleeding control kits.
- Texas General Assembly-**House Bill 496**
 - Requires the placement of bleeding control kits in every school district and open enrollment charter school. Requires annual training in bleeding control

The following states have introduced Stop the Bleed bills:

- State of Arkansas-**House Bill 1014**
 - An Act that requires public schools to provide bleeding control training be taught to students in grades nine through twelve
- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts-**House Bill 1870**
 - Any public building requiring AED shall be required to have clearly visible, centrally located and easily accessible trauma kits to treat life threatening bleeding.
- South Carolina General Assembly-**House Bill 5003**
 - The placement of Bleeding Control Kits in all public schools. To require training of employees who are reasonably expected to use bleeding control kits.

The Colorado Trauma Network legislative committee would like to thank you for your support on the passing of HB20-1216 Sunset Continue Nurse Practice Act. By implementing the recommendations in the 2019 sunset report, nurses are empowered to provide optimal care for our communities. We appreciate your time and look forward to engaging you in continuing to improve our communities with the introduction of a Stop the Bleed Bill in the Colorado 2021 Legislative Session.

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