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Honorable Ben Watson
Chairman, Senate Health and Human Services Committee
325-A Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
Senate Bill 9 (LC 33 9388S)

Dear Chairman Watson:

This bill would require all state office buildings, in which 200 or more employees or contractors are located, to have at least one easily accessible automated external defibrillator (AED) on site at all times no later than June 30, 2024. Additionally, the bill would require that the Georgia Building Authority (GBA) ensure the AED is maintained and tested according to guidelines, persons authorized to use the AED are appropriately trained to do so, and personnel activate the emergency medical services system after use of an AED.

GBA determined the bill will increase state expenditures by at least \$504,075 within the first year of implementation (FY 2024). Additionally, future costs will involve replacement of AEDs (\$352,500 every 8 years), maintenance costs (\$10,575 per year), and training costs (\$141,000 every 2 years). Projected costs of the bill used the data and assumptions below.

- There are currently a total of 141 state office buildings with 200 employees and/or contractors – 86 are owned and 55 are leased. This number does not include properties with fewer than 200 staff/contractors but a large volume of visitors, such as stadiums or dormitories.
- Some state buildings already have an AED, but GBA assumes that all will be replaced upon implementation of this bill. This allows universal personnel training for the specific AED that is installed.
- At least 10 people per building will require training and authorization to use AEDs to account for absences and turnover.

There are additional factors that may impact the cost of implementing this bill but are unknown at this time. These are described below.

- It may be determined that some buildings need more than one AED. The current cost estimate assumes only one device per building.
- The number of personnel requiring training and authorization for using an AED is unknown and may be higher or lower than the estimated 10 people per location.

- GBA used data from the State Properties Commission (SPC) to determine the number of eligible state office buildings. SPC handles all state-owned real property or real property interests except for the University System of Georgia Board of Regents (USG) and the Department of Transportation (DOT). USG and DOT report their buildings into a joint management system for the State of Georgia which depends on accurate reporting of real property assets.

Respectfully,



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