

Senate Bill

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Introduced by: Senator Janelle Boamah and Senator Evelyn Voitsekhovich

**Proposed by: Secretary of Programming Christine DeFeo and Secretary of Academic Affairs
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Whereas: The Student Government Association (SGA) of Ramapo College of New Jersey is the liaison body to the Faculty, Staff, Administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Governors of Ramapo College of New Jersey;

Whereas: Cardiac arrest is a public health crisis with over 350,000 cardiac arrest incidents occurring annually in America, and outside of a hospital nearly 90% of incidents are fatal. (Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation);

Whereas: An AED is a device that measures an individual's heart rhythm and delivers an electric shock to allow the heart to reestablish normal rhythm (Red Cross);

Whereas: AEDs save countless lives, with over 1,700 lives saved a year by bystanders using AEDs (National Institute of Health). Survival rates increase drastically when defibrillators are utilized within 3-5 min of cardiac arrest. "For every minute post-arrest without defibrillation, the chances of cardioversion decrease by as much as 10%," (National Library of Medicine);

Whereas: The New Jersey American Academy of Pediatrics recommends an AED be within a 3 minute round walk to any location. The Journal of the American Heart Association recommends that AEDs be within a 100 meters straight-line walking distance of a cardiac arrest;

Whereas: There are currently 12 AEDs on campus, none of which are located in dorm buildings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA will make an informative flyer as well as video to release to the public via Daily Digest and other platforms, describing AED locations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA will encourage Public Safety to increase the amount of AEDS on campus, specifically in Pamela M. Bischoff Hall, Nancy Mackin Hall, the Overlook, Laurel Hall, the College Park Apartments, and the Village;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA will collaborate with Public Safety to create a layout of AED placements for each building in order to inform the public of their specific locations. These layouts will be placed on each floor of the aforementioned buildings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The placement of new AED installations will be coordinated with the SGA, Public Safety, and other offices as necessary to ensure maximum accessibility of AEDs on campus, and to lower the risk of negative outcomes in the event of an emergency.

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