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The Committee on Justice Appropriations (Aronberg) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. (1)(a) The Legislature finds that placing automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in law enforcement vehicles will save lives.

(b) The Legislature further finds that law enforcement officers have an established public role as guardians of public safety and are in a unique position to help reduce death from sudden cardiac arrest. Therefore, the Legislature intends to promote and encourage law enforcement agencies to equip their vehicles with AEDs.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "AED" means an automated external defibrillator.

(b) "Department" means the Department of Law Enforcement.

(c) "Law enforcement agency" means any law enforcement

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1 service provider, including a municipal police department, a
2 county sheriff's office, and the Florida Highway Patrol.

3 (d) "Law enforcement vehicle" means any marked or
4 unmarked automobile used by a law enforcement agency to serve
5 the community or patrol a specific area.

6 (3) The department shall administer a grant program to
7 provide funds to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of
8 placing AEDs in law enforcement vehicles. Grants awarded by
9 the department shall be limited to amounts specifically
10 appropriated each year for the purposes of this section. The
11 department may spend up to 3 percent of the funds received
12 under this section for administrative costs.

13 (4)(a) A law enforcement agency shall provide matching
14 funds of at least 25 percent in order to be considered for
15 funding when making a grant request.

16 (b) A law enforcement agency that serves a rural
17 community as defined in s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes, which
18 requests a grant is not required to provide a 25-percent
19 match, but must provide matching funds of at least 10 percent
20 in order to be considered for funding. The department shall
21 give priority consideration to grant applications from rural
22 law enforcement agencies.

23 (5) The department shall adopt rules for administering
24 the Automated External Defibrillator Grant Program by
25 September 1, 2005.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
27 law.

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31 And the title is amended as follows:

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1 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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3 and insert:

4 A bill to be entitled

5 An act relating to automated external

6 defibrillators in law enforcement vehicles;

7 providing legislative findings and intent;

8 providing definitions; requiring the Department

9 of Law Enforcement to administer a grant

10 program to fund the placement of automated

11 external defibrillators in law enforcement

12 vehicles; limiting the amount of such grants to

13 amounts specifically appropriated; providing

14 for administrative costs; requiring a law

15 enforcement agency to provide matching funds

16 when making a grant request; providing an

17 exception; providing for priority consideration

18 for certain applications; requiring the

19 department to adopt rules; providing an

20 effective date.

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22 WHEREAS, automated external defibrillators (AEDs) have

23 saved numerous lives in Florida from sudden cardiac arrest,

24 and

25 WHEREAS, currently only 5 percent of sudden cardiac

26 arrest victims survive, and

27 WHEREAS, early defibrillation is critical in saving

28 lives from sudden cardiac arrest, and

29 WHEREAS, a victim of sudden cardiac arrest who is not

30 defibrillated within 8 to 10 minutes has little chance of

31 survival, and

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1 WHEREAS, even the best emergency medical services
2 systems are often not able to respond to victims of sudden
3 cardiac arrest within the necessary 4 minutes after collapse,
4 and

5 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers who have been
6 equipped with AEDs in their cars have saved lives, and

7 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are frequently first
8 on the scene in an emergency medical situation, and

9 WHEREAS, communities have greater numbers of law
10 enforcement officers than emergency medical service personnel,
11 and

12 WHEREAS, victims of sudden cardiac arrest have a
13 greater chance of survival in communities where law
14 enforcement officers are equipped with AEDs, and

15 WHEREAS, AEDs allow trained lay rescuers to quickly and
16 safely deliver defibrillation before emergency medical service
17 personnel can arrive, and

18 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are continuously on
19 patrol and are poised to respond immediately to emergencies,
20 and

21 WHEREAS, equipping law enforcement vehicles with AEDs
22 can save lives, NOW, THEREFORE,

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