



## STATE LEGISLATION

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minutes

1 2 3 4 5

7  
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### The Issue

According to the National Institutes of Health, the average time for emergency responders to arrive on scene after a 911 call is 7 minutes. For rural and underserved areas, the wait increases to 14 to 30 minutes or longer. Victims with traumatic bleeding can die from blood loss within several minutes.

### The Solution





STOP THE BLEED® kits contain items that can dramatically reduce mortality by enabling bystanders to save lives during the crucial minutes immediately following a traumatic bleeding injury. Training for STOP THE BLEED® is supplied free to all by Department of Defense training partners, including the American College of Surgeons which has trained over 3.2 million people to date. STOP THE BLEED® training teaches participants how to safely use direct pressure, pack wounds, and place tourniquets to control life-threatening bleeding.

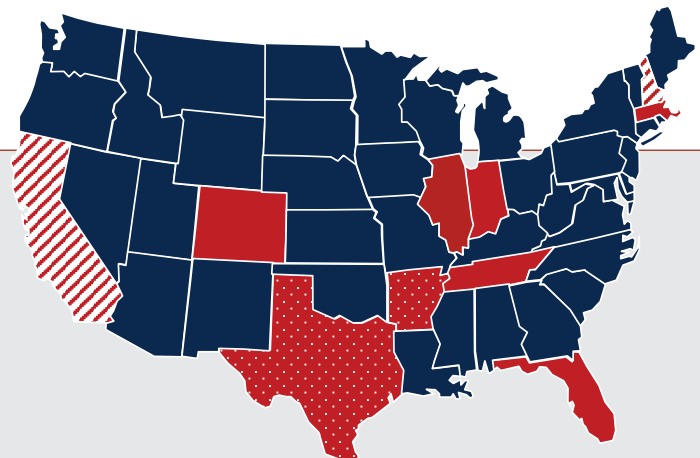
### In Your State

Massachusetts has two STOP THE BLEED® bills in play:

- H. 2282 Introduced by Representative Marcus Vaughn (R-9th Norfolk)
- S. 1462 Introduced by Senator Mike Rush (D-Norfolk and Suffolk)

### 10 States Have Passed STOP THE BLEED® Legislation

-  States without STB legislation
-  States with STB kits in schools
-  States with STB kits in public
-  States with STB training for students



## Key Facts

↳ **Severe bleeding injuries** can result from falling, vehicle crashes, farming accidents, natural disasters, gunshot wounds, sporting injuries, and more.

↳ Like public AEDs, providing visible, public access to STOP THE BLEED® kits is an **effective way to allow the public to render first aid** to assist victims suffering from severe bleeding injuries while waiting for emergency responders to arrive.

↳ Promptly controlling life threatening bleeding is essential to **increasing the chances of patient survival.**

↳ The ACS provides STOP THE BLEED® training for free and has trained over **3.2 million people** to date.

↳ **STOP THE BLEED® kits contain items not typically found in standard first aid kits** and are designed to be used by most age groups.

### ACS State Affairs

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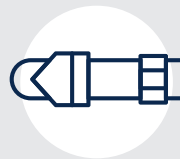
## State Model Legislation

To be supported by the ACS, all proposed state legislation should include:

- 1 Requirements for placing STOP THE BLEED® kits in public places, including schools
- 2 Specifications of STOP THE BLEED® kit contents
- 3 Requirements concerning the use & maintenance of each STOP THE BLEED® kit
- 4 Immunity from civil liability in the event of using the STOP THE BLEED® kit (Good Samaritan Law)

*For more information regarding state STOP THE BLEED® legislation, please contact Catherine Hendricks, State Affairs Manager, at [chendricks@facs.org](mailto:chendricks@facs.org).*

## Each STOP THE BLEED® kit must include the following supplies:



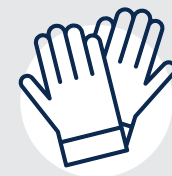
Tourniquet\*



Scissors



Compression Bandage



Gloves & Marker



Instructions\*\*



Bleeding Control Bandage

\*Developed by the STOP THE BLEED® national awareness campaign of the US Department of Homeland Security or the ACS Committee on Trauma

\*\*Tourniquet must be endorsed by the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care

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