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SYNOPSIS

Requires public school student to receive instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillator as requirement for high school graduation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning health education and supplementing chapter 35
2 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
8 regulation to the contrary, beginning on September 1, 2014, the
9 board of education of a public school district that includes grades 9
10 through 12, or the board of trustees of a charter school that includes
11 grades 9 through 12, shall provide instruction in cardiopulmonary
12 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as
13 part of the existing health education curriculum. The board of
14 education, or board of trustees, may select a no-cost, non-
15 certification instructional program to meet this requirement.

16 b. Each high school student shall be required to participate in
17 the instructional program established pursuant to subsection a. of
18 this section as a requirement for high school graduation.

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20 2. The instruction provided pursuant to section 1 of this act
21 shall:

22 a. be modeled from an instructional program established by the
23 American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or other
24 nationally-recognized association with expertise in instruction in
25 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external
26 defibrillator; and

27 b. include a hands-on learning component for each
28 participating student.

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30 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill requires the board of education of a public school
36 district that includes grades 9 through 12, or the board of trustees of
37 a charter school that includes grades 9 through 12, to provide
38 instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an
39 automated external defibrillator as part of the existing health
40 education curriculum. The board may select a no-cost, non-
41 certification instructional program to meet this requirement. The
42 bill also requires each high school student to participate in the
43 instructional program as a requirement for high school graduation.

44 The bill provides that the instruction: must be modeled from an
45 instructional program established by the American Heart
46 Association, American Red Cross, or other nationally-recognized
47 association with expertise in instruction in cardiopulmonary

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- 2 include a hands-on learning component for each participating
- 3 student.