

1 SB296
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8 SYNOPSIS: Currently, certified instructors teach
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes in
10 schools.

11 This bill would allow CPR instructors to
12 become certified by organizations similar to the
13 American Heart Association and the American Red
14 Cross.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 To amend Section 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975,
21 relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes taught
22 in schools; to provide further for the organizations from
23 which persons may become certified for classroom instruction.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "§16-40-8.

1 "(a) Effective upon the effective dates of this
2 section, all students enrolled in health classes in the tenth
3 grade in the public schools of Alabama shall receive
4 instruction in the techniques of cardiopulmonary
5 resuscitation, hereinafter referred to as "CPR."

6 "(b) The State Department of Education shall
7 administer the CPR instruction program and be responsible for
8 the training of personnel, and shall provide proper CPR
9 training for teacher personnel from September 1, 1983, to be
10 completed by September 1, 1984.

11 "(1) CPR training programs for instructors shall
12 continue after this period of time to provide for refresher
13 courses and updating of new techniques and information.
14 Specific personnel within local school districts are required
15 to receive training and be certified prior to providing
16 classroom instruction.

17 "(2) In those school systems which have trained and
18 certified personnel available, classroom instruction shall
19 begin as of September 1, 1983. Teaching materials and training
20 courses provided by the American Heart Association and similar
21 organizations may be utilized.

22 "(c) All persons providing instruction in
23 cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be certified as CPR
24 instructors by the American Heart Association, ~~or~~ the American
25 Red Cross, and similar approved certifying organizations.

26 "(d) Standards utilized in the instruction of CPR
27 shall be those prescribed by the American Heart Association,

1 ~~or~~ the American Red Cross, and similar approved certifying
2 organizations."

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective
4 immediately following its passage and approval by the
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.