

House Bill 217

By: Representatives Jones of the 53rd and Lindsey of the 54th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to require that the course of study in health and physical education prescribed by the State Board of Education includes training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-142, relating to prescribed courses and the development and dissemination of instructional materials on the effects of alcohol, as follows:

“(c) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a course of study in health and physical education for all grades and grade levels in the public schools and shall establish minimum time requirements and standards for its administration. The course shall include instruction concerning the impact of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use upon health. The course shall also include training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation which is based on an instructional program established by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or another nationally recognized program that uses the most current evidence based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines and the development of psychomotor skills into the program. Students shall study and practice at least once before graduating from high school the psychomotor skills associated with performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation. This requirement shall not apply to a student with a disability which would interfere with performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation. A manual setting out the details of such courses of study shall be prepared or approved by the State School Superintendent in cooperation with the Department of Public Health, the state board, and such expert advisers as they may choose. The Department of Education is directed to assemble or develop instructional

27 resources and materials concerning alcohol and drug abuse, taking into consideration
28 technological enhancements available for utilization of such instructional resources."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.