

Assembly Bill No. 85—Committee on  
Health and Human Services

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to education; making mandatory instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator provided by certain public schools and private schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires instruction in certain cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques and the use of an automated external defibrillator to be provided, to the extent money is available, as part of a course of study in health taught to pupils in public middle schools, junior high schools and high schools. (NRS 389.021) Existing law similarly requires such a course of study to be provided at a private secondary school to the extent that money is available for that purpose. **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill remove the condition that money is available for that purpose to make such instruction mandatory in those public and private schools. **Section 2** of this bill extends this requirement to private schools.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 389.021 is hereby amended to read as follows:

389.021 1. The State Board shall adopt regulations establishing courses of study and the grade levels for which the courses of study apply for:

(a) The academic subjects set forth in NRS 389.018. A course of study in health prescribed pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 3 of NRS 389.018 must, ~~to the extent money is available for this purpose,~~ for pupils enrolled in middle school, junior high school or high school, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in those grade levels at a charter school, include instruction in:

(1) The administration of hands-only or compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including a psychomotor skill-based component, according to the guidelines of the American Red Cross or American Heart Association; and

(2) The use of an automated external defibrillator.

(b) Citizenship and physical training for pupils enrolled in high school.

(c) Physiology, hygiene and, except as otherwise prescribed by paragraph (a), cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(d) The prevention of suicide.



- (e) Instruction relating to child abuse.
- (f) The economics of the American system of free enterprise.
- (g) American Sign Language.
- (h) Environmental education.
- (i) Adult roles and responsibilities.

↳ A course of study established for paragraph (a) may include one or more of the subjects listed in paragraphs (b) to (i), inclusive.

2. ~~If a course of study in health in middle school, junior high school or high school includes instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator:~~

~~(a)~~ A teacher who provides ~~the~~ instruction *pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1* is not required to hold certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation unless required by the board of trustees of the school district pursuant to NRS 391.092 or by the governing body of the charter school.

~~(b)~~ 3. The board of trustees of the school district, ~~or~~ the governing body of the charter school *or the governing body of the university school for profoundly gifted pupils* may collaborate with entities to assist in the provision of the instruction *required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1* and the provision of equipment necessary for the instruction, including, without limitation, fire departments, hospitals, colleges and universities and public health agencies.

~~(c)~~ 4. A pupil who is enrolled in a course of study in health through a program of distance education or a pupil with a disability who cannot perform the tasks included in the instruction *required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1* is not required to complete the instruction to pass the course of study in health.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 394.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

394.130 1. In order to secure uniform and standard work for pupils in private schools in this State, instruction in the subjects required by law for pupils in the public schools shall be required of pupils receiving instruction in such private schools, either under the regular state courses of study prescribed by the Board or under courses of study prepared by such private schools and approved by the Board.

2. A course of study in health provided at a private secondary school must include, ~~to the extent money is available for this purpose and~~ for the grade levels determined by the private school, instruction in:

(a) The administration of hands-only or compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including a psychomotor skill-based



component, according to the guidelines of the American Red Cross or American Heart Association; and

(b) The use of an automated external defibrillator.

3. ~~If a course of study in health in a private secondary school includes instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator:~~

~~(a)~~ A teacher who provides ~~the~~ instruction *required pursuant to subsection 2* is not required to hold certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

~~(b)~~ 4. The private school may collaborate with entities to assist in the provision of the instruction *required pursuant to subsection 2* and the provision of equipment necessary for the instruction, including, without limitation, fire departments, hospitals, colleges and universities and public health agencies.

~~(c)~~ 5. A pupil who is enrolled in a course of study in health through a program of distance education or a pupil with a disability who cannot perform the tasks included in the instruction *required pursuant to subsection 2* is not required to complete the instruction to pass the course of study in health.

~~(4)~~ 6. Such private schools shall be required to furnish from time to time such reports as the Superintendent of Public Instruction may find necessary as to enrollment, attendance and general progress within such schools.

~~(5)~~ 7. Nothing in this section shall be so construed as:

(a) To interfere with the right of the proper authorities having charge of private schools to give religious instruction to the pupils enrolled therein.

(b) To give such private schools any right to share in the public school funds apportioned for the support of the public schools of this State.

**Sec. 3.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.



