

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in terms and courses of study,
6 providing for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and for
7 cardiopulmonary resuscitation in schools EDUCATION. <--

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding sections
12 to read:

13 ~~Section 1528. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. (a) The State <--~~
14 ~~Board of Education and the Department of Education shall work in~~
15 ~~consultation with the American Heart Association and American~~
16 ~~Red Cross to further develop the existing academic standards for~~
17 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction for students in grades~~
18 ~~nine through 12. The Department of Education shall:~~
19 ~~(i) Further develop the existing academic standards for~~

1 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction no later than twenty-~~
2 ~~four (24) months after the effective date of this section.~~

3 ~~(ii) Provide the enhanced academic standards and other~~
4 ~~materials developed to a nonpublic school within this~~
5 ~~Commonwealth upon receiving request from the nonpublic school.~~

6 ~~(b) The academic standards shall be amended to include the~~
7 ~~following:~~

8 ~~(i) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be defined as "a~~
9 ~~first aid technique utilizing hands only compressions of the~~
10 ~~chest used to revive a person whose heart has stopped beating."~~

11 ~~(ii) The following phrases shall be added and defined:~~

12 ~~(A) Assessment of cardiac arrest.~~

13 ~~(B) Psychomotor skills.~~

14 ~~(C) Application of hands only cardiopulmonary resuscitation.~~

15 ~~Section 1529. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in Schools. (a)~~
16 ~~School instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation as under~~
17 ~~academic standards and under section 1528 shall include the~~
18 ~~following:~~

19 ~~(i) An instructional program developed by the American Heart~~
20 ~~Association, the American Red Cross or another program that is~~
21 ~~nationally recognized and is based on the most current American~~
22 ~~Heart Association or American Red Cross guidelines for~~
23 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care.~~

24 ~~(ii) The psychomotor skills necessary to perform~~
25 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation.~~

26 ~~(iii) Information on the purpose of an automated external~~
27 ~~defibrillator.~~

28 ~~(b) The instruction may be integrated into an appropriate~~
29 ~~course of study. A teacher, instructor or community volunteer~~
30 ~~may provide, facilitate or oversee the instruction and is not~~

1 ~~required to be a certified cardiopulmonary resuscitation~~
2 ~~trainer.~~

3 ~~(c) If a pupil is unable to perform the psychomotor skill~~
4 ~~component of the instruction, or upon written request of the~~
5 ~~pupil's parent or guardian, a pupil shall be excused from taking~~
6 ~~the instruction under this section.~~

7 ~~(d) Employees who complete continuing professional education~~
8 ~~under section 1205.4 in regards to cardiopulmonary resuscitation~~
9 ~~and first aid training shall receive credit under section 1205.2~~
10 ~~if the training has been approved by the Department of~~
11 ~~Education.~~

12 ~~(e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases~~
13 ~~shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless~~
14 ~~the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

15 ~~"Psychomotor skills." The use of hands on practice to~~
16 ~~support cognitive learning.~~

17 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

18 ~~SECTION 1528. CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION EDUCATION.-- (A) <--~~
19 ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR HEALTH, SAFETY AND~~
20 ~~PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE AND NOT LATER~~
21 ~~THAN THE BEGINNING OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT,~~
22 ~~IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AT LEAST ONE~~
23 ~~ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED UNDER SECTION 1205.4, SHALL DEVELOP A~~
24 ~~MODEL CURRICULUM AND CURRICULUM GUIDELINES FOR INSTRUCTION ON~~
25 ~~CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN~~
26 ~~GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE.~~

27 ~~(B) THE MODEL CURRICULUM AND GUIDELINES SHALL:~~

28 ~~(1) BE POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE~~
29 ~~INTERNET WEBSITE;~~

30 ~~(2) BE AGE-APPROPRIATE;~~

1 (3) BE REVISED REGULARLY TO REMAIN CURRENT WITH NATIONAL
2 STANDARDS;

3 (4) PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR INTEGRATION INTO HEALTH COURSES OR
4 OTHER APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT AS LISTED IN 22 PA.
5 CODE § 4.23 (RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION);

6 (5) BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL SCHOOL ENTITIES;

7 (6) INCLUDE COMPILATION OF RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES AND
8 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FROM ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERTISE IN CPR
9 AND EMERGENCY CARE;

10 (7) INCORPORATE PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS TRAINING, INCLUDING
11 HANDS-ONLY CPR TECHNIQUE; AND

12 (8) INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE OF AN AUTOMATED
13 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.

14 (C) (1) A SCHOOL ENTITY THAT OFFERS INSTRUCTION IN CPR MAY
15 UTILIZE THE MODEL CURRICULUM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER
16 SUBSECTION (A) OR DEVELOP THE SCHOOL ENTITY'S OWN CURRICULUM IN
17 ACCORDANCE WITH ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CONSISTENT WITH
18 GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A). A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY
19 UTILIZE APPROPRIATE PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY AVAILABLE MATERIALS,
20 PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING
21 THIS INSTRUCTION, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 111 AND
22 23 PA.C.S. § 6344 (RELATING TO EMPLOYEES HAVING CONTACT WITH
23 CHILDREN; ADOPTIVE AND FOSTER PARENTS).

24 (2) A TEACHER, INSTRUCTOR OR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER MAY
25 PROVIDE, FACILITATE OR OVERSEE THE INSTRUCTION OFFERED BY A
26 SCHOOL ENTITY UNDER THIS SECTION AND NEED NOT BE A CERTIFIED CPR
27 TRAINER.

28 (D) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IN GOOD FAITH PROVIDES INSTRUCTION IN
29 CPR TO A STUDENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY
30 CIVIL DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF ANY ACT OR OMISSION RELATING TO THE

1 INSTRUCTION, EXCEPT FOR AN ACT OR OMISSION INTENTIONALLY
2 DESIGNED TO HARM OR A GROSSLY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION THAT
3 RESULTS IN HARM TO AN INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE STUDENT ADMINISTERS
4 CPR.

5 (E) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
6 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS
7 THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

8 "AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR." A PORTABLE DEFIBRILLATOR
9 DESIGNED TO BE AUTOMATED FOR USE BY A PERSON WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL
10 MEDICAL TRAINING WHO RESPONDS TO A CARDIAC EMERGENCY.

11 "CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION" OR "CPR." A FIRST AID
12 TECHNIQUE UTILIZING HANDS-ONLY COMPRESSIONS OF THE CHEST USED TO
13 REVIVE AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE HEART HAS STOPPED BEATING.

14 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
15 COMMONWEALTH.

16 "PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS." THE USE OF HANDS-ON PRACTICE TO
17 SUPPORT COGNITIVE LEARNING.

18 "SCHOOL ENTITY." A SCHOOL DISTRICT, JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
19 CHARTER SCHOOL, REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL,
20 INTERMEDIATE UNIT OR AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

21 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.