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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM--CPR TRAINING

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Lynch, and Gallo

Date Introduced: February 13, 2013

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-22-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-22 entitled
2 "Curriculum" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-22-15. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training.** -- (a) The department of
4 elementary and secondary education shall develop and prescribe a cardiopulmonary resuscitation
5 (CPR) training course for public school students in the state. The course shall be established in
6 accordance with the requirements and criteria obtained from the Red Cross and/or the American
7 Heart Association, ~~Rhode Island Affiliate, Inc.~~ and the director of the department of health.

8 **(b)** The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate course
9 guidelines including the age or grade level of pupils required to receive cardiopulmonary
10 resuscitation (CPR) training. This shall at a minimum include psychomotor skill-based
11 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and an overview of automated external defibrillator
12 (AED) use for all high school students prior to graduation. "Psychomotor skill" is defined as the
13 use of hands-on practicing to support cognitive learning. Cognitive-only training does not qualify.
14 Formal certification is not required.

15 ~~(b)~~(c) The school committees of the several cities, towns, and school districts shall
16 provide for the incorporation of the course in training in existing health education courses. The
17 department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a procedure for monitoring
18 adherence to this section.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide minimum guidelines for CPR training and would require an
2 overview of automated external defibrillator (AED) use.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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