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S.B. No. 261

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the  
3 use of automated external defibrillators in secondary education  
4 curriculum.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.0023, Education Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (d), (e),  
8 (f), and (g) to read as follows:

9 (b) The State Board of Education by rule shall include  
10 [~~elements relating to~~] instruction in cardiopulmonary  
11 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as  
12 part of the essential knowledge and skills of the health curriculum  
13 under Section 28.002(a)(2)(B) for students in grades 7 through 12.

14 (c) A school district, open-enrollment charter school, or  
15 [~~This subsection applies only to a private school that receives an~~  
16 ~~automated external defibrillator from the agency or receives~~  
17 ~~funding from the agency to purchase or lease an automated external~~  
18 ~~defibrillator.~~ A] private school shall provide instruction to  
19 students in grades 7 through 12 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
20 and the use of an automated external defibrillator in a manner  
21 consistent with the requirements of this section and State Board of  
22 Education rules adopted under this section. A student shall  
23 receive this instruction at least once before graduation.

24 (d) A school administrator may waive the curriculum

1 requirement under this section for an eligible student who has a  
2 disability.

3 (e) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external  
4 defibrillator instruction must include cardiopulmonary  
5 resuscitation and automated external defibrillator training that  
6 has been developed:

7 (1) by the American Heart Association or the American  
8 Red Cross; or

9 (2) using nationally recognized, evidence-based  
10 guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care and incorporating  
11 psychomotor skills to support the instruction.

12 (f) For purposes of Subsection (e), "psychomotor skills"  
13 means hands-on practice to support cognitive learning. The term  
14 does not include cognitive-only instruction and training.

15 (g) A school district, open-enrollment charter school, or  
16 private school may use emergency medical technicians, paramedics,  
17 police officers, firefighters, representatives of the American  
18 Heart Association or the American Red Cross, teachers, other school  
19 employees, or other similarly qualified individuals to provide  
20 instruction and training under this section. Instruction provided  
21 under this section is not required to result in certification in  
22 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the use of an automated external  
23 defibrillator. If instruction is intended to result in  
24 certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the use of an  
25 automated external defibrillator, the course instructor must be  
26 authorized to provide the instruction by the American Heart  
27 Association, the American Red Cross, or a similar nationally

1 recognized association.

2 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2014-2015  
3 school year.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.