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HOUSE BILL 837  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H837-PCS50356-TL-9

Short Title: Completion of CPR by Students Required.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 7, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF INSTRUCTION IN CPR  
AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS WITH A PLAN TO PHASE IN COMPLETION OF  
CPR INSTRUCTION AS A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT BY 2014.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-81(e1)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(e1) School Health Education Program to Be Developed and Administered.

(1) A comprehensive school health education program shall be developed and taught to pupils of the public schools of this State from kindergarten through ninth grade. This program includes age-appropriate instruction in the following subject areas, regardless of whether this instruction is described as, or incorporated into a description of, "family life education", "family health education", "health education", "family living", "health", "healthful living curriculum", or "self-esteem":

a. Mental and emotional ~~health;~~health.

b. Drug and alcohol abuse ~~prevention;~~prevention.

c. ~~Nutrition;~~Nutrition.

d. Dental ~~health;~~health.

e. Environmental ~~health;~~health.

f. Family ~~living;~~living.

g. Consumer ~~health;~~health.

h. Disease ~~control;~~control.

i. Growth and ~~development;~~development.

j. First aid and emergency care, including the teaching of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver by using hands-on training with mannequins so that students ~~become proficient in order to~~ pass a test approved by the American Heart Association, or American Red ~~Cross;~~Cross. Schools shall use for this purpose an instructional program developed by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or other nationally recognized programs, that is based on the most current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for CPR. Schools shall maintain documentation in an electronic database that students have



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1 successfully completed CPR instruction to meet Healthful Living  
2 Essential Standards. Successful completion of instruction in CPR  
3 shall be a requirement for high school graduation by the 2013-2014  
4 school year.

- 5 k. Preventing sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and  
6 other communicable ~~diseases;~~~~diseases.~~  
7 l. Reproductive health and safety ~~education;~~~~and~~education.  
8 m. Bicycle safety.

9 As used in this subsection, "HIV/AIDS" means Human  
10 Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome."

11 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education shall work in cooperation with the  
12 American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and other nationally recognized  
13 programs to develop a strategic plan to phase in successful completion of cardiopulmonary  
14 resuscitation instruction as a requirement for high school graduation by the 2013-2014 school  
15 year. The plan shall include costs of, and details regarding, procedures for:

- 16 (1) Obtaining and maintaining documentation regarding students who  
17 successfully complete cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction through  
18 Healthful Living Essential Standards. Documentation efforts shall be  
19 initiated during the 2011-2012 school year.  
20 (2) Identifying students not successfully completing cardiopulmonary  
21 resuscitation instruction through Healthful Living Essential Standards and  
22 ensuring that those students successfully complete cardiopulmonary  
23 resuscitation instruction through other appropriate formats pursuant to  
24 G.S. 115C-81(e1)(1)j. Identification of students needing cardiopulmonary  
25 resuscitation instruction and offering this instruction to those students shall  
26 begin during the 2012-2013 school year.  
27 (3) Requiring successful completion of cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
28 instruction as a requirement for high school graduation by the 2013-2014  
29 school year.

30 The plan shall be implemented at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

31 The SBE shall report on this plan to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight  
32 Committee by December 15, 2012. The SBE shall report on plan implementation to the Joint  
33 Legislative Education Oversight Committee by October 15, 2014.

34 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
35 the 2011-2012 school year.