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Short Title: Completion of CPR by Students Required.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF INSTRUCTION IN CPR
3 AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS WITH A PLAN TO PHASE IN COMPLETION OF
4 CPR INSTRUCTION AS A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT BY 2015.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

17 c. ~~Nutrition~~; Nutrition.

18 d. Dental ~~health~~; health.

19 e. Environmental ~~health~~; health.

20 f. Family ~~living~~; living.

21 g. Consumer ~~health~~; health.

22 h. Disease ~~control~~; control.

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

24 j. First aid and emergency care, including the teaching of
25 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver by
26 using hands-on training with mannequins so that students ~~become~~
27 ~~proficient in order to~~ pass a test approved by the American Heart
28 Association, or American Red ~~Cross~~; Cross. Schools shall use for this
29 purpose an instructional program developed by the American Heart
30 Association, the American Red Cross, or other nationally recognized
31 programs that is based on the most current national evidence-based
32 emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for CPR. Schools shall
33 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 2014-2015
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 2014-2015 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 in the
18 eighth grade in accordance with the Healthful Living Essential Standards
19 previously adopted by the State Board of Education. Documentation efforts
20 shall be initiated during the 2012-2013 school year.
21 (2) Identifying students not successfully completing cardiopulmonary
22 resuscitation instruction through Healthful Living Essential Standards and
23 ensuring that those students successfully complete cardiopulmonary
24 resuscitation instruction through other appropriate formats pursuant to
25 G.S. 115C-81(e1)(1)j. Identification of students needing cardiopulmonary
26 resuscitation instruction and offering this instruction to those students shall
27 begin during the 2013-2014 school year.
28 (3) Requiring successful completion of cardiopulmonary resuscitation
29 instruction as a requirement for high school graduation by the 2013-2014
30 school year.

31 The plan shall be implemented at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

32 The State Board of Education shall report on this plan to the Joint Legislative
33 Education Oversight Committee by December 15, 2013. The State Board of Education shall
34 report on plan implementation to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by
35 October 15, 2015.

36 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
37 the 2012-2013 school year.