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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 14, 2000

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," ~~requiring~~ PROVIDING FOR instruction <—
6 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. ~~as a prerequisite for a~~ <—
7 ~~teaching certificate.~~

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 a
12 section to read:

13 ~~Section 1207.1. Instruction in CPR Required. The Secretary~~ <—
14 ~~of Education shall not issue any State certificates authorized~~
15 ~~by section 1203, entitling a person to teach in any public~~
16 ~~school, without the presentation of satisfactory evidence that~~
17 ~~the person has completed a course of instruction in~~

~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The Secretary of Education shall require such periodic renewal of instruction in CPR as may be deemed appropriate.~~

SECTION 1205.4. CPR INSTRUCTION.--(A) SCHOOL ENTITIES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO OFFER A CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION TRAINING (CPR) CLASS ON SCHOOL PREMISES AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS. THE COURSE SHALL BE OFFERED AS AN OPTION TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL ENTITY.

(B) COMPLETION OF TRAINING, INCLUDING TESTING OF SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE, SHALL BE DOCUMENTED BY THE SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRAINING ENTITY AND SHALL INCLUDE THE DATE TRAINING WAS COMPLETED. DOCUMENTATION SHALL BE RETAINED IN THE FACILITY IN THAT EMPLOYEE'S FILE. TRAINING SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY:

(1) THE AMERICAN RED CROSS;

(2) THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION;

(3) AN INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED TO CONDUCT CPR TRAINING BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION OR OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY, APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; OR

(4) OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

(C) SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY INCLUDE THIS TRAINING IN THE CONTINUING EDUCATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 1205.1.

(D) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL BE DEFINED AS A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE UNIT OR AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

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