



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 115

PRINTERS NO. 659

PRIME SPONSOR: Killion

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 115 amends the Public School Code concerning cardiopulmonary resuscitation education. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 115 amends the Public School Code by adding a new section concerning cardiopulmonary resuscitation education. It requires the Department of Education (PDE), in accordance with the academic standards for health, safety and physical education for grades nine through twelve and in consultation with the Department of Health and either the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, to identify or develop a model curriculum and curriculum guidelines for instruction on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for public school students in grades nine through twelve.

The bill requires that the model curriculum and guidelines: (1) be posted on the PDE website; (2) be age-appropriate; (3) be revised regularly to remain current with national standards; (4) provide guidance for integration into health courses or other appropriate curriculum requirements; (5) be made available to all school entities; (6) include compilation of recommended guidelines and educational materials from organizations with expertise in CPR and emergency care; (7) incorporate psychomotor skills training, including hands-only CPR technique; and (8) include information on the purpose of an automated external defibrillator. The curriculum and guidelines must be in place for the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

A school entity that offers instruction in CPR may utilize this model curriculum from PDE or develop its own curriculum in accordance with academic standards and consistent with the guidelines above. A school entity may utilize appropriate publicly or privately available materials, personnel and other resources in developing and implementing this instruction. A school entity includes a school district, joint school district, charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit, or area vocational-technical school.

A teacher, instructor or community volunteer, with the participation of a professional educator with a Pennsylvania certification, including a professional educator certified in physical

education or health education or a school nurse, may provide, facilitate or oversee the instruction offered by a school entity and need not be a certified CPR trainer.

The bill also provides protections for CPR instructors. An individual who in good faith provides instruction in CPR to a student will not be liable for any civil damages as a result of any act or omission relating to the instruction, except for an act or omission intentionally designed to harm or a grossly negligent act or omission that results in harm to an individual to whom the student administers CPR.

Cyber charter schools may provide this CPR instruction through the Internet or other electronic means. If a cyber charter school provides this instruction through the Internet or other electronic means, the cyber charter school will be exempt from the academic standards and guidelines developed for in-person instructional requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The Department of Education should be able to fulfill its responsibility to identify or develop a CPR curriculum by identifying one already developed by organizations such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

Senate Bill 115 places no additional requirements on school districts to offer CPR instruction. The requirements of this section only apply if a school entity chooses to offer CPR instruction to students. Currently, school entities are required to offer CPR training on school grounds at least once every three years as an option to all employees of the school entity.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.