

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 115

PRINTER NO. 98

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 29, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Killion

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 115 establishes Section 1528 (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Education) in the Public School Code to require the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and at least one organization recognized under Section 1205.4 (relating to CPR instruction), to develop a model curriculum and curriculum guidelines for instruction on CPR for public school students in grades nine through 12 no later than the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

The legislation requires the model curriculum and guidelines to: (1) be posted on the department's publicly accessible internet 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; (5) be made available to all school entities; (6) include a compilation of recommended guidelines and education materials from organizations with expertise in CPR and emergency care; (7) incorporate psychomotor skills training (hands-on CPR instruction); and (8) include information on the purpose of an automated external defibrillator.

The legislation authorizes a school entity that offers instruction in CPR to utilize the model curriculum developed by the department or to develop its own curriculum that comports with the guidelines developed by the department.

The legislation provides that a teacher, instructor or community volunteer may provide the instruction offered under this section and need not be a certified CPR trainer. It provides protection to instructors from 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 an omission that results in harm to an individual to whom the student administers CPR. It also stipulates that if a cyber charter school provides instruction through the internet or other electronic means, the cyber charter school shall be exempt from in-person instructional requirements.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

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The enactment of Senate Bill 115 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Model curriculum for CPR instruction has already been developed by the American Heart Association and American Red Cross, which the Department of Education should be able to utilize to develop the model curriculum and curriculum guidelines.

Currently, there is a requirement in the Public School Code under Section 1205.4 (CPR Instruction) that school entities offer a CPR training class on school premises every 3 years. However, at present, the law does not require hands-on CPR instruction.

For school entities that do not currently provide hands-on CPR instruction, there may be costs to purchase the equipment and materials necessary to provide hands-on CPR instruction. Kits to provide hands-on CPR instruction in a classroom, which include mannequins and other materials, are commercially available. The American Heart Association provides a "classroom kit" at a cost of \$649 dollars per kit.