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HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 20, 1997

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 instruction in
6 cardiopulmonary resuscitation ~~as a prerequisite for a~~ <—
7 ~~teaching certificate~~ AND THE OBSTRUCTED AIRWAY MANEUVER; AND <—
8 AUTHORIZING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IMPOSE DRESS CODES AND
9 REQUIRE STUDENTS TO WEAR STANDARD DRESS OR UNIFORMS.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
13 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a <—
14 ~~section~~ SECTIONS to read: <—

15 SECTION 113. INSTRUCTION IN CPR AND THE OBSTRUCTED AIRWAY <—
16 MANEUVER REQUIRED.--EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL OFFER SUFFICIENT
17 INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) AND THE
18 OBSTRUCTED AIRWAY MANEUVER TO ITS EMPLOYEES ON A BIENNIAL BASIS.
19 A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION LEADING TO CERTIFICATION IN CPR AND THE

1 OBSTRUCTED AIRWAY MANEUVER BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, THE
2 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION OR AN EQUIVALENT COURSE OF
3 INSTRUCTION, INCLUDING THOSE PROVIDED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT,
4 WHICH IS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN CONSULTATION
5 WITH A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY HEALTH
6 SERVICES COUNCIL, SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT INSTRUCTION. THE
7 GOOD SAMARITAN CIVIL IMMUNITY PROVISIONS UNDER 42 PA.C.S. § 8332
8 (RELATING TO NONMEDICAL GOOD SAMARITAN CIVIL IMMUNITY) SHALL
9 APPLY TO A SCHOOL EMPLOYE WHO RENDERS CPR OR THE OBSTRUCTED
10 AIRWAY MANEUVER. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL INFRINGE UPON
11 PROTECTIONS ALREADY PROVIDED TO SCHOOL EMPLOYES.

12 Section 1207.1. Instruction in CPR AND THE OBSTRUCTED AIRWAY <—
13 MANEUVER Required.--The Secretary of Education shall not issue
14 any State certificates authorized by section 1203, entitling a
15 person to teach in any public school, without the presentation
16 of satisfactory evidence that the person has completed a course <—
17 of instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The
18 Secretary of Education shall require such periodic renewal of
19 instruction in CPR as may be deemed appropriate. SUFFICIENT <—
20 INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) AND THE
21 OBSTRUCTED AIRWAY MANEUVER. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A COURSE
22 LEADING TO CERTIFICATION IN CPR AND THE OBSTRUCTED AIRWAY
23 MANEUVER BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, THE AMERICAN HEART
24 ASSOCIATION OR AN EQUIVALENT COURSE OF INSTRUCTION WHICH IS
25 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN CONSULTATION WITH A
26 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY HEALTH
27 SERVICES COUNCIL SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT INSTRUCTION. THIS
28 SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

29 SECTION 1317.3. UNIFORMS.--SCHOOL OFFICIALS IN ANY SCHOOL
30 ENTITY MAY IMPOSE LIMITATIONS ON DRESS AND MAY REQUIRE PUPILS TO

- 1 WEAR STANDARD DRESS OR UNIFORMS. SUCH POLICIES MAY BE
- 2 DISTRICTWIDE OR MAY BE ON A SCHOOL BUILDING BASIS.
- 3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.