

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 948 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY PILEGGI, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, STEFANO, VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, COSTA, SCHWANK AND YUDICHAK, JULY 10, 2015

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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," in high schools, further providing  
 6 for courses of study.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1605 of the act of March 10, 1949  
 10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
 11 amended by adding subsections to read:

12 Section 1605. Courses of Study.--\* \* \*

13 (c) (1) Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, each school  
 14 board operating school grades 9 through 12, the operator of each  
 15 charter school that operates school grades 9 through 12 and the  
 16 governing body of each private school that operates school  
 17 grades 9 through 12 shall provide instruction in cardiopulmonary  
 18 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator  
 19 to pupils enrolled in the school district, charter school or  
 20 private school as a requirement for graduation from high school.

1 The school board, operator of the charter school or governing  
2 body of the private school shall use and incorporate into the  
3 instruction the psychomotor skills necessary to perform  
4 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and awareness in the use of  
5 an automated external defibrillator (AED):

6 (i) an instructional program developed by the American Heart  
7 Association or the American Red Cross; or

8 (ii) an instructional program which is nationally recognized  
9 and is based on the most current American Heart Association  
10 Guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency  
11 cardiovascular care.

12 (2) A certified teacher shall not be required to be an  
13 authorized CPR/AED instructor to facilitate, provide or oversee  
14 instruction for training that does not result in a course  
15 completion card being earned.

16 (3) Courses which result in a course completion card being  
17 earned shall be taught by an authorized CPR/AED instructor.

18 (d) As used in this section, "psychomotor skills" shall mean  
19 the use of hands-on practicing to support cognitive learning.

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