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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 terms and courses of study,
 6 providing for cardiopulmonary resuscitation education.

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

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

12 Section 1528. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Education.--(a)
 13 In accordance with the academic standards for health, safety and
 14 physical education for grades nine through twelve and not later
 15 than the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, the department,
 16 in consultation with the Department of Health and at least one
 17 organization recognized under section 1205.4, shall develop a
 18 model curriculum and curriculum guidelines for instruction on
 19 cardiopulmonary resuscitation for public school students in

1 grades nine through twelve.

2 (b) The model curriculum and guidelines shall:

3 (1) be posted in the department's publicly accessible
4 Internet website;

5 (2) be age-appropriate;

6 (3) be revised regularly to remain current with national
7 standards;

8 (4) provide guidance for integration into health courses or
9 other appropriate curriculum requirement as listed in 22 Pa.
10 Code § 4.23 (relating to high school education);

11 (5) be made available to all school entities;

12 (6) include compilation of recommended guidelines and
13 educational materials from organizations with expertise in CPR
14 and emergency care;

15 (7) incorporate psychomotor skills training, including
16 hands-only CPR technique; and

17 (8) include information on the purpose of an automated
18 external defibrillator.

19 (c) (1) A school entity that offers instruction in CPR may
20 utilize the model curriculum developed under subsections (a) and
21 (b) or develop the school entity's own curriculum in accordance
22 with academic standards and consistent with guidelines developed
23 under subsections (a) and (b). A school entity may utilize
24 appropriate publicly or privately available materials, personnel
25 and other resources in developing and implementing this
26 instruction, subject to the requirements of section 111 and 23
27 Pa.C.S. § 6344 (relating to employees having contact with
28 children; adoptive and foster parents).

29 (2) A teacher, instructor or community volunteer may
30 provide, facilitate or oversee the instruction offered by a

1 school entity under this section and need not be a certified CPR
2 trainer.

3 (d) An individual who in good faith provides instruction in
4 CPR to a student under this section shall not be liable for any
5 civil damages as a result of any act or omission relating to the
6 instruction, except for an act or omission intentionally
7 designed to harm or a grossly negligent act or omission that
8 results in harm to an individual to whom the student administers
9 CPR.

10 (e) A cyber charter school may provide the instruction under
11 this section through the Internet or other electronic means. If
12 a cyber charter school provides the instruction under this
13 section through the Internet or other electronic means, the
14 cyber charter school shall be exempt from the academic standards
15 and guidelines developed under subsections (a) and (b) regarding
16 in-person instructional requirements.

17 (f) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
18 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
19 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 "Automated external defibrillator." A portable defibrillator
21 designed to be automated for use by a person without substantial
22 medical training who responds to a cardiac emergency.

23 "Cardiopulmonary resuscitation" or "CPR." A first aid
24 technique utilizing hands-only compressions of the chest used to
25 revive an individual whose heart has stopped beating.

26 "Department." The Department of Education of the
27 Commonwealth.

28 "Psychomotor skills." The use of hands-on practice to
29 support cognitive learning.

30 "School entity." A school district, joint school district,

1 charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school,
2 intermediate unit or area vocational-technical school.

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