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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to amend Section 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975; to require each high school student to receive instruction in his or her health class on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator; and to authorize the State Board of Education to adopt rules.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Senator Tim Melson Act.

Section 2. Section 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§16-40-8

(a) ~~Effective upon the effective dates of this section, all students enrolled in health classes in the tenth grade in the public schools of Alabama shall receive~~ Each local board of education that operates a public school with grades nine through 12 shall include instruction in both of the following as a requirement within existing health education courses:

(1) techniques ~~Techniques~~ of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), ~~hereinafter referred to as "CPR."~~



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29 (2) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the use
30 of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

31 (b) The State ~~Department~~ Board of Education shall
32 administer the CPR instruction program and be responsible for
33 the training of personnel, and shall provide proper CPR
34 training for teacher personnel ~~from September 1, 1983, to be~~
35 ~~completed by September 1, 1984.~~

36 (1) CPR training programs for instructors shall
37 continue ~~after this period of time~~ in order to provide for
38 refresher courses and ~~updating of~~ updates about new techniques
39 and information, as determined by the board. Specific
40 personnel within local school districts are required to
41 receive training and be certified prior to providing classroom
42 instruction.

43 (2) ~~In those school systems which have trained and~~
44 ~~certified personnel available, classroom instruction shall~~
45 ~~begin as of September 1, 1983.~~ Teaching materials and training
46 courses provided by the American Heart Association and similar
47 organizations may be utilized.

48 (c) All ~~persons~~ individuals providing instruction in
49 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation~~ CPR shall be certified as CPR
50 instructors by the American Heart Association or the American
51 Red Cross.

52 (d) (1) Standards utilized in the instruction ~~of CPR~~
53 required by subsection (a) shall be those prescribed by the
54 American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

55 (2) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the
56 instruction required by subsection (a) shall include the



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57 psychomotor skills necessary to perform CPR and use an AED.
58 For the purposes of this section, the term "psychomotor
59 skills" means the use of hands-on practicing to support
60 cognitive learning. This term does not include cognitive-only
61 training.

62 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
63 require students to become certified in CPR or the use of an
64 AED.

65 (e) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
66 implement this Section."

67 Section 3. This act shall become effective October 1,
68 2024.



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