

SB59 ENROLLED



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3 By Senators Orr, Melson
4 RFD: Healthcare
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to public K-12 education; to amend Section
5 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975; to require each high school
6 student to receive instruction in his or her health class on
7 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated
8 external defibrillator; and to authorize the State Board of
9 Education to adopt rules.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

15 "§16-40-8

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

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

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

26 (b) The State ~~Department~~ Board of Education shall
27 administer the CPR instruction program and be responsible for
28 the training of personnel, and shall provide proper CPR



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29 training for teacher personnel ~~from September 1, 1983, to be~~
30 ~~completed by September 1, 1984.~~

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

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

43 (c) All ~~persons~~ individuals providing instruction in
44 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation~~ CPR shall be certified as CPR
45 instructors by the American Heart Association or the American
46 Red Cross.

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

50 (2) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the
51 instruction required by subsection (a) shall include the
52 psychomotor skills necessary to perform CPR and use an AED.
53 For the purposes of this section, the term "psychomotor
54 skills" means the use of hands-on practicing to support
55 cognitive learning. This term does not include cognitive-only
56 training.



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57 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
58 require students to become certified in CPR or the use of an
59 AED.

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

62 Section 3. This act shall become effective October 1,
63 2024.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 16-Apr-24

By: Senator Orr