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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, tenth grade students enrolled in health classes at public schools are required to receive instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

This bill would require each high school student at a public school, as part of existing health education requirements, to receive instruction in CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

This bill would require the training to include the psychomotor skills necessary to perform CPR and use an AED.

This bill would also authorize the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement the training.

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



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29 external defibrillator; and to authorize the State Board of
30 Education to adopt rules.

31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

32 Section 1. Section 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is
33 amended to read as follows:

34 "§16-40-8

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

41 (1) techniquesTechniques of cardiopulmonary
42 resuscitation (CPR)., ~~hereinafter referred to as "CPR."~~

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

45 (b) The State ~~Department~~ Board of Education shall
46 administer the CPR instruction program and be responsible for
47 the training of personnel, and shall provide proper CPR
48 training for teacher personnel ~~from September 1, 1983, to be~~
49 ~~completed by September 1, 1984.~~

50 (1) CPR training programs for instructors shall
51 continue ~~after this period of time~~in order to provide for
52 refresher courses and ~~updating of~~ updates about new techniques
53 and information, as determined by the board. Specific
54 personnel within local school districts are required to
55 receive training and be certified prior to providing classroom
56 instruction.



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

62 (c) All ~~persons~~ individuals providing instruction in
63 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation~~ CPR shall be certified as CPR
64 instructors by the American Heart Association or the American
65 Red Cross.

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

69 (2) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the
70 instruction required by subsection (a) shall include the
71 psychomotor skills necessary to perform CPR and use an AED.
72 For the purposes of this section, the term "psychomotor
73 skills" means the use of hands-on practicing to support
74 cognitive learning. This term does not include cognitive-only
75 training.

76 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
77 require students to become certified in CPR or the use of an
78 AED.

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

81 Section 2. This act shall become effective October 1,
82 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or
83 its otherwise becoming law.