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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED AND AMENDED

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**S. 320**

Introduced by Senators Malloy, Hutto, Hayes, L. Martin, Shealy and Turner

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑32‑30 TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 39, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑39‑210. (A)(1) The governing board of a school district maintaining a secondary school that includes any grades nine through twelve, inclusive, shall establish cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction programs for students in high school grades, which must include, but not be limited to, hands‑only CPR and the operational knowledge of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

(2) At least one time during the entire four years of grades nine through twelve, each student must receive the instruction required in item (1).

(3) Students who have already completed the requisite course must not be required to take the course a second time.

(B) A CPR instruction program established pursuant to subsection (A) must incorporate instruction of psychomotor skills necessary to perform CPR developed by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or an instructional program that is nationally recognized and based on the most current national evidence‑based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for CPR and the operational knowledge of an AED; provided virtual schools may administer the instruction virtually, exempt from any in‑person instructional requirements. A local school district shall coordinate with entities that have the experience and necessary equipment for the instruction of CPR and the operational knowledge of AEDs and shall adopt a policy providing a waiver for the absence of a student from the instruction required under this section, a student with a disability whose individualized education program indicates such student is unable to complete all or a portion of the hands‑only CPR requirement, and a student whose parent or guardian completes, in writing, a form approved by the school district opting out of hands‑only CPR and AED instruction. School districts shall begin complying with the provisions of this section no later than the beginning of the 2016‑2017 school year.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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