

AN ACT relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in schools.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*(1) The General Assembly hereby finds that training Kentucky students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures will:*

*(a) Increase students' ability to respond to emergency situations at school, home, and public places;*

*(b) Benefit Kentucky communities by rapidly increasing the number of people ready to respond to sudden cardiac arrest, a leading cause of death in the United States; and*

*(c) Assist students in becoming responsible citizens consistent with the goals established in KRS 158.6451.*

*(2) Every public high school shall provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation training to students as part of the health course that is required for high school graduation.*

*The training shall:*

*(a) Be based on the American Heart Association's Guidelines for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care or other nationally-recognized, evidenced-based guidelines;*

*(b) Incorporate hands-on skills practice to support the instruction; and*

*(c) Make students aware of the purpose of an automated external defibrillator and its ease and safety of use.*

*(3) The training does not have to be provided by a certified instructor or result in students being certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.*

*(4) A school administrator may waive the requirement that a student receive instruction under subsection (2) of this section if the student has a disability or is physically unable to perform the psychomotor skill component of the instruction*

required.

(5) This section shall not be construed to require high schools to have an automated external defibrillator on the schools' premises, although having one available for emergencies is encouraged.