

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 or the physical education course that is required for high school graduation or the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps course that meets the physical education requirement. The training shall:

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

(b) Incorporate psychomotor skills training to support cognitive learning; 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 skills component of the instruction required.*

*(5) This section shall not be construed to require a school to have an automated external defibrillator on its premises, although having one available for emergencies is encouraged.*