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An Act To Provide Certain Health Emergency Training to High School Seniors

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor.
Cosponsored by President DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CARR of Lincoln, CHURCHILL of Washburn, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, GREELEY of Levant, HATCH of Skowhegan, LESSARD of Topsham, Senator: STRIMLING of Cumberland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4723, as enacted by 1983, c. 859, Pt. C, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

§4723.   Health and physical education

The secondary course of study ~~shall~~ must include instruction in health, safety and physical education, as prescribed by the commissioner, and physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. Health and safety instruction for students during senior year may include health emergency training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators. The health emergency training may be provided by personnel from a local fire department through a cooperative agreement with the school.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes schools to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic external defibrillator training to students during senior year health and safety classes through a cooperative agreement with a local fire department. The training is not mandatory.