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H.P. 110

House of Representatives, January 27, 2015

An Act To Encourage Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation To Be Taught in High School

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

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, LYFORD of Eddington, MAKER of Calais, NADEAU of Winslow, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington, VEROW of Brewer.

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

 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6304, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 267, §1, is amended to read:

§6304. Automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation

School boards may place automated external defibrillators in occupied school buildings and at school athletic events. School personnel and members of the public may receive training on how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use automated external defibrillators in order to acquire the skills and confidence to respond to emergencies. The department shall develop and maintain a model training program on performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation for a school administrative unit to offer to school personnel, secondary school students, parents and members of the public. In developing the training program, the department may seek collaboration and support in the form of monetary donations, staffing and expertise from one or more organizations that have the purpose of promoting cardiac health. The department shall encourage all school administrative units to implement the training program.

16 SUMMARY

This bill directs the Department of Education to develop a cardiopulmonary resuscitation model training program for school administrative units to offer to school personnel, secondary school students, parents and members of the public. In developing the training program, the department is authorized to seek collaboration and support in the form of money, staffing and expertise from organizations with the purpose of promoting cardiac health. The department is directed to encourage school administrative units to implement the training program.