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House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

**An Act To Require Public Schools To Offer Instruction Related to
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the Use of an Automated
External Defibrillator**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, MAKER of Calais, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono,
Senator: DUTREMBLE of York.

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

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

4 **§6304. Automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation**

5 School boards may place automated external defibrillators in occupied school
6 buildings and at school athletic events. School personnel and members of the public may
7 receive training on how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use automated
8 external defibrillators in order to acquire the skills and confidence to respond to
9 emergencies. In accordance with rules adopted by the department, public schools shall
10 offer training to students on how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use
11 automated external defibrillators. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical
12 rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **Sec. 2. Standards for instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and**
14 **automated external defibrillator use.** The Commissioner of Education shall
15 establish, by rule, standards for instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or "CPR,"
16 and automated external defibrillator, or "AED," use pursuant to the Maine Revised
17 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6304. The commissioner shall base the standards for
18 instruction in CPR and AED use on the programs established by the American Heart
19 Association or the American Red Cross or another program that is nationally recognized
20 and uses the most current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular guidelines
21 and incorporates psychomotor skills development into the instruction. The standards for
22 instruction in AED use may not require the use of an AED but must include an
23 explanation of AED use. A licensed teacher may not be required to be certified as a CPR
24 or AED trainer or to facilitate, provide or oversee CPR or AED instruction. The rule
25 must require that a course that results in CPR and AED certification must be taught by a
26 certified CPR or AED instructor. The rule must be designed to ensure that the
27 requirements of Title 20-A, section 6304 can be met by a public school without the public
28 school's being required to expand or modify its activity so as to necessitate additional
29 expenditures from local revenues.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill requires public schools to offer training to students on how to perform
32 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use automated external defibrillators in accordance
33 with rules adopted by the Department of Education. The rules must be designed to ensure
34 that the training requirements can be met without a public school's being required to
35 expand or modify its activity so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local
36 revenues.