

Dear Chair Lanpher and House Appropriations Committee Members,

Thank you for your committee's support last session of \$30,000 in the Budget Adjustment Act to enable better implementation of the requirement passed by the Vermont legislature ten years ago in Act 151 to include compression-only CPR instruction as part of comprehensive health education in Vermont schools.

We appreciate that the funding was included in BAA for "the Department of Health for a grant to the American Heart Association for CPR and First Aid Training kits to facilitate training in schools."

However, since the word "grant" was used and the American Heart Association can't accept state grants but can "contract" with VDH, the Governor included language in his Budget Adjustment Proposal to correct this and allow us to move ahead with getting the CPR kits out to schools.

We'd appreciate your support of the Governor's proposed language below.

Sec. 54. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45(a) is amended to read:

(38) \$30,000 to the Department of Health ~~for a grant~~ to enter into an agreement with the American Heart Association for CPR and First Aid Training kits to facilitate training in schools.

EXPLANATION:

The American Heart Association has informed the Health Department that it is unable to accept funds in the form of a state grant. The Association has asked that the funding be provided via a state contract. This language strikes the requirement that funds be provided in the form of grant.

Thanks so much.



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