

1 S.245

2 Introduced by Senators Mullin, Ayer, Benning, Kittell, Lyons, McCormack,  
3 Miller and Westman

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Education; graduation requirements; cardiovascular training

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that all public secondary  
8 schools and approved and recognized independent secondary schools provide  
9 instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated  
10 external defibrillator, and that successful completion of the training would be a  
11 condition of graduation.

12 An act relating to requiring cardiovascular care instruction as a secondary  
13 school graduation requirement

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 906(c) is added to read:

16 (c) A minimum course of study in public secondary schools and approved  
17 and recognized independent secondary schools in Vermont shall include  
18 instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external  
19 defibrillators. No publicly funded student enrolled in school within or outside  
20 Vermont and no student enrolled in a recognized independent school shall

1 meet the requirements for secondary school graduation unless the student has  
2 satisfactorily completed this instruction. For purposes of this subsection, the  
3 instruction shall:

4 (1) be provided pursuant to a program based on current, nationally  
5 recognized guidelines and developed by the American Heart Association, the  
6 American Red Cross, or another nationally recognized entity;

7 (2) include practical, skills-based experiences and assessments to  
8 support cognitive learning;

9 (3) be taught by a nationally certified instructor if successful completion  
10 of the program will result in certification of the student to perform  
11 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or use an automated external defibrillator.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage; provided that:

14 (1) schools shall begin providing the instruction required in Sec. 1 of  
15 this act no later than the 2013–2014 academic year; and

16 (2) the provisions of Sec. 1 of this act shall apply to students graduating  
17 from secondary school in 2015 and after.