

**No. 151. An act relating to requiring cardiovascular care instruction in public and independent schools.**

(S.245)

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

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 131 is amended to read:

§ 131. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this subchapter, “comprehensive health education” means a systematic and extensive elementary and secondary educational program designed to provide a variety of learning experiences based upon knowledge of the human organism as it functions within its environment.

The term includes the study of:

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(3) Safety including:

(A) first aid, disaster prevention, and accident prevention; and

(B) information regarding and practice of compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators;

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Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 212 is amended to read:

§ 212. COMMISSIONER’S DUTIES GENERALLY

The commissioner shall execute those policies adopted by the state board in the legal exercise of its powers and shall:

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(18) Annually inform superintendents and principals of regional resources available to assist schools to provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators and provide updated information to the education community regarding the provision of a comprehensive health education.

Sec. 3. REPORT

The commissioner of education shall electronically query superintendents and principals regarding whether and to what extent the instruction of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators is offered in the schools of the state. Specifically, the commissioner shall determine in what grades, for what periods of time, and in connection with what underlying courses instruction is offered. The commissioner shall report the results of this data collection to the senate and house committees on education on or before February 1, 2013.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Approved: May 16, 2012