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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, tenth grade students enrolled in health classes at public schools are required to receive instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

This bill would require each high school student at a public school, as part of existing health education requirements, to receive instruction in CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

This bill would require the training to include the psychomotor skills necessary to perform CPR and use an AED.

This bill would also authorize the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement the training.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to amend Section 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975; to require each high school student to receive instruction in his or her health class on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated

external defibrillator; and to authorize the State Board of Education to adopt rules.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§16-40-8

(a) ~~Effective upon the effective dates of this section, all students enrolled in health classes in the tenth grade in the public schools of Alabama shall receive~~Each local board of education that operates a public school with grades nine through 12 shall include instruction in both of the following as a requirement within existing health education courses:

(1) ~~techniques~~Techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).~~, hereinafter referred to as "CPR."~~

(2) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

(b) The State ~~Department~~ Board of Education shall administer the CPR instruction program and be responsible for the training of personnel, and shall provide proper CPR training for teacher personnel ~~from September 1, 1983, to be completed by September 1, 1984~~.

(1) CPR training programs for instructors shall continue ~~after this period of time~~in order to provide for refresher courses and ~~updating of~~ updates about new techniques and information, as determined by the board. Specific personnel within local school districts are required to receive training and be certified prior to providing classroom instruction.

(2) ~~In those school systems which have trained and certified personnel available, classroom instruction shall begin as of September 1, 1983.~~ Teaching materials and training courses provided by the American Heart Association and similar organizations may be utilized.

(c) All ~~persons~~ individuals providing instruction in ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation~~ CPR shall be certified as CPR instructors by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

(d)(1) Standards utilized in the instruction ~~of CPR~~ required by subsection (a) shall be those prescribed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

(2) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the instruction required by subsection (a) shall include the psychomotor skills necessary to perform CPR and use an AED. For the purposes of this section, the term "psychomotor skills" means the use of hands-on practicing to support cognitive learning. This term does not include cognitive-only training.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require students to become certified in CPR or the use of an AED.

(e) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to implement this Section."

Section 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.