AMENDED

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑32‑30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH STUDENT MUST RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE ENTIRE FOUR YEARS OF GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2017‑2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. This act may be referred to and cited as “Ronald Rouse’s Law”.

SECTION 2. Section 59‑32‑30(A) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item at the end to read:

“(6) At least one time during the entire four years of grades nine through twelve, each student shall receive instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), which must include, but not be limited to, hands‑only CPR and must include awareness in the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Each school district shall use a program that incorporates the instruction of the psychomotor skills necessary to perform CPR developed by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or an instructional program that is nationally recognized and based on the most current national evidence‑based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for CPR and awareness in the use of an AED. Local and statewide school districts shall coordinate with entities that have the experience and necessary equipment for the instruction of CPR and awareness in the use of AEDs. A school district must adopt a policy providing a waiver for this requirement for a student absent on the day the instruction occurred, a student with a disability whose individualized education program indicates such student is unable to complete all or a portion of the hands‑only CPR requirement, or a student whose parent or guardian completes, in writing, a form approved by the school district opting out of hands‑only CPR instruction and AED awareness. The State Board of Education shall incorporate CPR training and AED awareness into the South Carolina Health and Safety Education Curriculum Standards and promulgate regulations to implement this section.

(7) The board may grant an exemption from implementing the provisions contained in this section upon a showing by a local or statewide school district that the district lacks sufficient funds to implement the provisions contained in this section and does not have access to CPR instruction and materials at no cost.

SECTION 3. Students who have already completed the requisite health course will not be required to take the course a second time.

SECTION 4. The State Department of Education may include language from any section of this act in the South Carolina Health and Safety Education Curriculum Standards.

SECTION 5. School districts must begin complying with the provisions of this act no later than the 2017‑2018 school year.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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