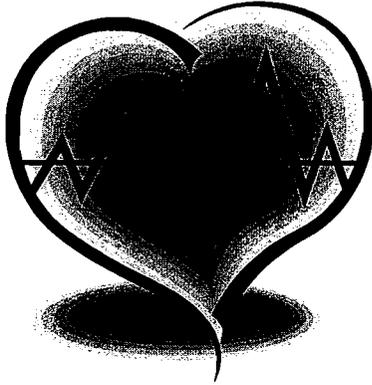


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Bill and Number: SB 7292 AN ACT CONCERNING CPR TRAINING AND AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS  
(schools and public buildings)

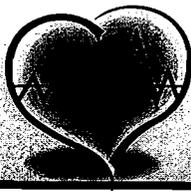
Committee Name: Education Committee  
Statement:

I strongly support and urge the Education Committee to pass this bill.

- One of the greatest resources we have is in our youth. Their powerful range and access for communication can be captured to our advantage in Strengthening the Cardiac Chain of Survival
- Engaging them early in saving lives will acclimate them to always having AED in their present environment and in their future work places as decision makers.
- Initiatives should include them. The AHA and other training organizations have programs specifically for high school students.
- The National Center for Early Defibrillation has a program "Protest the Silence, Take Action Against Sudden Cardiac Death" specifically for young adults in HS
- Several Communities have "Explorer Programs". These mentoring programs teach high school students CPR, AED and First Aid so they can respond to medical emergencies along side the adult volunteers in their community. Eventually becoming an EMT-B or higher volunteer.

## INVOLVE YOUNG ADULTS IN THE MISSION OF SAVING LIVES

Thank you.  
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