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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING IN CARDIOPULMONARY
RESUSCITATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-16b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall
4 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally
5 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;
6 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and
7 development, nutrition, first aid, disease prevention, community and
8 consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including
9 youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which
10 may include the dangers of gang membership, and accident
11 prevention; language arts, including reading, writing, grammar,
12 speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical education; science; social
13 studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics,
14 geography, government and history; and in addition, on at least the
15 secondary level, one or more world languages, [and] vocational
16 education and training, including hands-on practice, in

17 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including, but not limited to, the use of
18 chest compressions and automatic external defibrillators. For purposes
19 of this subsection, world languages shall include American Sign
20 Language, provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified
21 instructor under the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate
22 issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes of this
23 subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or performing arts,
24 which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

25 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to
26 take a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil
27 identified as deaf or hearing impaired may request in writing that such
28 pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if such a request is
29 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

30 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,
31 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the
32 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of
33 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least
34 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that
35 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

36 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum
37 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional
38 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to
39 this section. A local or regional board of education may accept gifts,
40 grants and donations, including, but not limited to, in-kind donations,
41 designated for the purchase of equipment or materials needed to
42 provide training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including, but not
43 limited to, the use of automatic external defibrillators, pursuant to
44 subsection (a) of this section. The State Board of Education, within
45 available appropriations and utilizing available resource materials,
46 shall assist and encourage local and regional boards of education to
47 include: (1) Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (2) the
48 historical events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (3) African-
49 American history; (4) Puerto Rican history; (5) Native American

50 history; (6) personal financial management; [(7) training in
51 [cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external
52 defibrillators; and (8)] and (7) topics approved by the state board upon
53 the request of local or regional boards of education as part of the
54 program of instruction offered pursuant to subsection (a) of this
55 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-16b

PH *Joint Favorable*

ED *Joint Favorable*