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Public Act No. 15-94

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION TRAINING, THE SAFE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND COMPUTER PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

(a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education; health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and development, nutrition, first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act, disease prevention, community and consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which shall include the safe use of social media, as defined in section 9-601, and may include the dangers of gang membership, and accident prevention; language arts, including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical education; science; social studies, including, but

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not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government and history; computer programming instruction; and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more world languages and vocational education. For purposes of this subsection, world languages shall include American Sign Language, provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2016, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall include cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction as part of the health and safety curriculum for the school district. Such instruction shall be based on guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care issued by the American Heart Association, and include, but need not be limited to, hands-on training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(b) A local or regional board of education may accept gifts, grants and donations, including, but not limited to, in-kind donations, designated for the purchase of equipment or materials needed to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction under this section.

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