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Senate Bill 684, AAC TRAINING IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

The Connecticut College of Emergency Physicians supports educating and encouraging the public to perform CPR. Bystander CPR is associated with better outcomes for patients who suffer a cardiopulmonary arrest, in many cases may mean the difference between life and death. The process and technique of basic CPR can be quickly and effectively taught to people of all ages. By instituting education at the high school level, young adults will become familiar with the process and hopefully will feel comfortable assisting others in a time of need.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns about the merits of CPR training, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the CCEP Board of Directors.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill.