
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6146 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF CERTIFICATION COURSES IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES IN THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF FIRST AID.

SUMMARY

This bill adds to the list of organizations that may certify or train people in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or first aid for various purposes, such as (1) CPR certification required for lifeguards and (2) first aid training required to qualify for immunity under certain provisions of the Good Samaritan statute. It does so by allowing organizations to provide this training or certification if they use guidelines published by the American Heart Association (AHA) and either the American Red Cross (for first aid) or International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (for CPR).

*House Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill, which allowed the Department of Public Health (DPH) to add to the list of organizations that may certify or train people in CPR, the use of automatic external defibrillators, or first aid for certain purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING TRAINING OR CERTIFICATION IN CPR AND FIRST AID

Table 1 below lists the (1) contexts in which the bill applies and (2) organizations or persons who may certify or train people in these contexts, both under the bill and under existing law.

Table 1: CPR and First Aid Training or Certification

§	<i>Context of Training or Certification</i>	<i>Training or Certification Organizations</i>
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1	<p>Required CPR certification for lifeguards (DPH must adopt regulations to this effect)</p>	<p>Organizations Added by Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those using guidelines for CPR and emergency cardiovascular care published by the AHA and International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation <p>Organizations Listed in Existing Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)
2	<p>Civil immunity for certain trained persons for ordinary negligence when providing emergency first aid</p> <p>This applies to firefighters, police officers, teachers or other school personnel, ski patrol members, lifeguards, conservation officers, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection patrol and special police officers, or emergency medical services personnel, who have completed a first aid course certified by the organization offering the course.</p>	<p>Organizations Added by Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those using first aid guidelines published by the AHA and the American Red Cross <p>Organizations Listed in Existing Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • Department of Public Health (DPH) • National Ski Patrol • Local health director
2	<p>Civil immunity for trained employees of a railroad company, including commuter rail line, for ordinary negligence when providing emergency first aid or CPR</p> <p>This applies if the employee completed a first aid course certified by the organization offering the course.</p>	<p>Organizations Added by Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those using first aid guidelines published by the AHA and the American Red Cross <p>Organizations Listed in Existing Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • DPH • National Ski Patrol • Local health director

<p>3</p>	<p>Civil immunity for trained persons for ordinary negligence when providing emergency assistance by use of a cartridge injector, voluntarily and gratuitously and not in the ordinary course of their employment or practice</p> <p>This applies if the person completed a first aid course certified by the organization offering the course</p> <p>(Under existing law and the bill, the immunity also applies if the person was trained to use a cartridge injector by a qualifying medical professional)</p>	<p>Organizations Added by Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those using first aid guidelines published by the AHA and the American Red Cross <p>Organizations Listed in Existing Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • DPH • National Ski Patrol • Local health director
<p>4</p>	<p>Child care center staffing requirements for CPR-certified employees (Office of Early Childhood must adopt regulations setting such appropriate requirements)</p>	<p>Organizations Added by Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those using guidelines for CPR and emergency cardiovascular care published by the AHA and International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation <p>Organizations Listed in Existing Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • National Safety Council • ASHI • Medic First Aid International
<p>5</p>	<p>Required first aid course for qualified educators and lifeguards monitoring school swimming pools</p> <p>Current law also requires these individuals to be certified in CPR pursuant to DPH regulations. The bill instead requires them to be certified pursuant to the statute on lifeguard certification (see section 1 above)</p>	<p>Organizations Added by Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those using first aid guidelines published by the AHA and the American Red Cross <p>Organizations Listed in Existing Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • DPH • Local health director

<p>6</p>	<p>Required first aid course for staff members of before or after school programs, day camps, and child care facilities who are trained to administer medication with a cartridge injector to a child with diagnosed allergic condition</p> <p>(Under existing law and the bill, the course is not required if the staff member has been trained to use such an injector by a qualifying medical professional)</p> <p>By law, such staff members are granted civil immunity for ordinary negligence when providing emergency assistance by use of a cartridge injector (see § 3 of bill, CGS § 52-557b(h))</p>	<p>Organizations Added by Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those using first aid guidelines published by the AHA and the American Red Cross <p>Organizations Listed in Existing Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • DPH • National Ski Patrol • Local health director
<p>7</p>	<p>Required basic first aid certification for tattoo technician licensure</p>	<p>Organizations Added by Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those using first aid guidelines published by the AHA and the American Red Cross <p>Organizations Listed in Existing Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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