

Senate Bill 212

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Tippins of the 37th, Miller of the 49th, Butler of the 55th,
Millar of the 40th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to require schools to provide
3 training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator
4 for students in grades seven through 12; to provide for a definition; to provide for
5 requirements; to provide for monitoring; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to competencies and core curriculum, is amended by adding a new Code section to
11 read as follows:

12 "20-2-149.1.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'psychomotor skills' means skills using hands-on
14 practice to support cognitive learning.

15 (b) Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, each local board of education which operates
16 a school with grades seven through 12 shall provide instruction in cardiopulmonary
17 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator to its students as a
18 requirement for graduation from high school. Such training shall include either of the
19 following and shall incorporate into the instruction the psychomotor skills necessary to
20 perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use an automated external defibrillator:

21 (1) An instructional program developed by the American Heart Association or the
22 American Red Cross; or

23 (2) An instructional program which is nationally recognized and is based on the most
24 current national evidence based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for
25 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator.

26 (c) A teacher shall not be required to be a certified trainer of cardiopulmonary resuscitation
27 or to facilitate, provide, or oversee instruction which does not result in certification in
28 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator.

29 (d) This Code section shall not be construed to require students to become certified in
30 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator; provided,
31 however, that if a local board of education chooses to offer courses which result in
32 certification being earned, such courses shall be taught by instructors in cardiopulmonary
33 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator authorized to conduct an
34 instructional program included in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this Code
35 section.

36 (e) The Department of Education shall establish a procedure to monitor adherence by local
37 boards of education."

38 **SECTION 2.**

39 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.