

Senate Bill 245

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd 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 in elementary and secondary
3 education, so as to give a short title to a Code section relating to cardiopulmonary
4 resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillators in schools; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary education, is
10 amended by revising Code Section 20-2-149.1, relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary
11 resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillators, as follows:

12 "20-2-149.1.

13 (a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Cory Joseph Wilson Act.'

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

16 ~~(b)~~(c) Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, each local board of education which
17 operates a school with grades nine through 12 shall provide instruction in cardiopulmonary
18 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator to its students as a
19 requirement within existing health or physical education courses. Such training shall
20 include either of the following and shall incorporate into the instruction the psychomotor
21 skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use an automated external
22 defibrillator:

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

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

28 ~~(e)~~(d) A teacher shall not be required to be a certified trainer of cardiopulmonary
29 resuscitation or to facilitate, provide, or oversee instruction which does not result in
30 certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external
31 defibrillator.

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

39 ~~(e)~~(f) The Department of Education shall establish a procedure to monitor adherence by
40 local boards of education."

41 **SECTION 2.**

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