

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to SB 545:

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 first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of an automated external
4 defibrillator for students in grades nine or ten; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 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, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code
10 Section 20-2-149.1, relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of
11 automated external defibrillator and requirements, as follows:

12 "(c) Beginning in the ~~2013-2014~~ 2022-2023 school year, each local board of education
13 which operates a school with grades nine through 12 shall provide instruction in
14 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator and not
15 less than one hour of instruction in first-aid to its students in grades nine or ten as a
16 requirement within existing health or physical education courses. Such training shall

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17 include either of the following and shall incorporate into the instruction the psychomotor
18 skills necessary to perform first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and use an automated
19 external defibrillator:

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

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

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.