

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 284

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

CURRICULA: Requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education prioritize policies on instruction relative to CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator in its rulemaking process

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prioritize
3 policies pertaining to instruction on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an
4 automated external defibrillator as authorized by House Bill No. 320 of this 2024
5 Regular Session should that bill become law.

6 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 320 of this 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature
7 repeals certain student instruction and teacher training requirements, authorizes the State
8 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for instruction and
9 training requirements by rule, and requires BESE to consider in the rule promulgation
10 process the specific statutory requirements that will be repealed if this bill becomes law; and

11 WHEREAS, one of the laws proposed to be repealed in House Bill No. 320, R.S.
12 17:81(X), requires each public high school to provide instruction relative to cardiopulmonary
13 resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and requires
14 that the instruction be integrated into an existing course that is required for graduation; and

15 WHEREAS, this law is named for Burke Cobb, a Dutchtown High School student
16 who passed away in 2012 from an undiagnosed heart condition after collapsing while
17 playing basketball in the school's gymnasium; and

18 WHEREAS, Louisiana is one of forty-one states requiring high schools to provide
19 CPR and AED instruction; and

1 WHEREAS, many legislators have stated that they wish to remove certain
2 requirements previously enacted by the legislature and grant BESE the general authority to
3 provide for instructional and training requirements by rule; however, at the same time, many
4 legislators have expressed their belief in the importance of some of these requirements and
5 their desire for BESE to prioritize them in its rulemaking process, particularly as they pertain
6 to health and safety.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and
9 Secondary Education to prioritize policies pertaining to instruction on cardiopulmonary
10 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator in its rulemaking process as
11 authorized by House Bill No. 320 of this 2024 Regular Session should that bill become law.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board shall provide ample opportunity
13 for input from concerned citizens and advocacy groups in the rule promulgation process.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
15 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
16 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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Requests that the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education prioritize policies pertaining to instruction on CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator in the rule promulgation authorized by H.B. No. 320 of this 2024 R.S. should that bill become law.