

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 284

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

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

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rule, and requires BESE to consider in the rule promulgation process the specific statutory requirements that will be repealed if this bill becomes law; and

WHEREAS, one of the laws proposed to be repealed in House Bill No. 320, R.S. 17:81(X), requires each public high school to provide instruction relative to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES