

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 400

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CURRICULA: Requires instruction relative to cardiac health in high school

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:440.2 and 3996(B)(67), relative to school employees; to require certain
3 school employees and volunteers to complete an annual education program relative
4 to sudden cardiac arrest; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:440.2 and 3996(B)(67) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §440.2. Sudden cardiac arrest education; employees and volunteers

8 A. Each public school nurse, coach, athletic trainer, and athletic director,
9 whether employed or serving as a volunteer, shall complete annually a sudden
10 cardiac arrest education program developed by the state Department of Education.

11 B.(1) In developing the program, the department may use materials and
12 resources created and offered free of charge by nonprofit organizations with missions
13 related to cardiac health.

14 (2) The department shall make the program available on its website for any
15 school or person to access free of charge.

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17 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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19 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
20 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a

1 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
2 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
3 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
4 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
5 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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7 (67) Sudden cardiac arrest education for certain staff and volunteers, R.S.

8 17:440.2.

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10 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Grayson Temple Act".

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires certain school employees and volunteers to complete an annual education program on sudden cardiac arrest.

Proposed law requires each public school nurse, coach, athletic trainer, and athletic director, whether employed or serving as a volunteer, to complete annually a sudden cardiac arrest education program developed by the state Dept. of Education (DOE). Authorizes DOE to use materials from nonprofit organizations with missions related to cardiac health in developing the program. Requires DOE to make the program available on its website for any school or person to access free of charge.

(Adds R.S. 17:440.2 and 3996(B)(67))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Remove requirement for cardiac health instruction for students.
2. Add requirement for sudden cardiac arrest education for school nurses, coaches, athletic trainers, and athletic directors.