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House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

**An Act To Require Public Schools To Offer Instruction Related to  
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the Use of an Automated  
External Defibrillator**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and  
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, MAKER of Calais, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono,  
Senator: DUTREMBLE of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6304**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 267, §1, is amended to  
3 read:

4 **§6304. Automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation**

5 School boards may place automated external defibrillators in occupied school  
6 buildings and at school athletic events. School personnel and members of the public may  
7 receive training on how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use automated  
8 external defibrillators in order to acquire the skills and confidence to respond to  
9 emergencies. In accordance with rules adopted by the department, public schools shall  
10 offer training to students on how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use  
11 automated external defibrillators. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical  
12 rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **Sec. 2. Standards for instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and**  
14 **automated external defibrillator use.** The Commissioner of Education shall  
15 establish, by rule, standards for instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or "CPR,"  
16 and automated external defibrillator, or "AED," use pursuant to the Maine Revised  
17 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6304. The commissioner shall base the standards for  
18 instruction in CPR and AED use on the programs established by the American Heart  
19 Association or the American Red Cross or another program that is nationally recognized  
20 and uses the most current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular guidelines  
21 and incorporates psychomotor skills development into the instruction. The standards for  
22 instruction in AED use may not require the use of an AED but must include an  
23 explanation of AED use. A licensed teacher may not be required to be certified as a CPR  
24 or AED trainer or to facilitate, provide or oversee CPR or AED instruction. The rule  
25 must require that a course that results in CPR and AED certification must be taught by a  
26 certified CPR or AED instructor. The rule must be designed to ensure that the  
27 requirements of Title 20-A, section 6304 can be met by a public school without the public  
28 school's being required to expand or modify its activity so as to necessitate additional  
29 expenditures from local revenues.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill requires public schools to offer training to students on how to perform  
32 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use automated external defibrillators in accordance  
33 with rules adopted by the Department of Education. The rules must be designed to ensure  
34 that the training requirements can be met without a public school's being required to  
35 expand or modify its activity so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local  
36 revenues.