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**An Act To Require Students To Receive Instruction in  
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the Use of an Automated  
External Defibrillator prior to Graduation**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DUTREMBLE of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: BOYLE of Cumberland, LACHOWICZ of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford, TUTTLE of York, Representative: CHENETTE of Saco.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §6209, sub-§2, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 259, §5, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 D. Health, physical education and wellness, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
5 and the use of an automated external defibrillator;

6 **Sec. 2. Standards for instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and**  
7 **automated external defibrillator use.** The Commissioner of Education shall  
8 establish, by rule, standards for instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or "CPR,"  
9 and automated external defibrillator, or "AED," use. The commissioner shall base the  
10 standards for instruction in CPR and AED use on the programs established by the  
11 American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. By the beginning of the  
12 2014-2015 school year, every school that is required to participate in the system of  
13 learning results set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209 shall  
14 implement instruction in CPR and the use of an AED based on the rules adopted by the  
15 commissioner. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as  
16 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

17 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised  
18 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 2, paragraph D takes effect July 1, 2014.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires that, as a condition of graduation from high school, beginning with  
21 the 2014-2015 school year, each student receive instruction and achieve proficiency in  
22 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator.