

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sponsor Statement: Senate Bill 20

CPR Curriculum version I

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is a leading cause of death in the United States, but bystander CPR can triple the survival rate. Senate Bill 20 seeks to enhance the quality of health education within our state's public school system by offering CPR Curriculum to our school students. This curriculum focuses on equipping our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to increase the number of CPR-trained bystanders.

By enacting this legislation, we are prioritizing the health and well-being of our youth, empowering them with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions and respond effectively in emergency situations, potentially saving lives within their communities. This would also give students the opportunity to begin their work-training before graduating school, which will help with work shortages across the state.

Integrating CPR education into the school curriculum helps promote a culture of preparedness and responsiveness to emergencies. Requiring schools to teach CPR ensures that all students, regardless of socioeconomic status or geographic location, have access to this vital life-saving skill. This curriculum will be available to all students in our vast state, and your support is vital to enacting this important legislation.