

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Senate Bill 221

CPR CURRICULUM

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is a leading cause of death in the US—but bystander CPR can double or triple the survival rate.

Senate Bill 221 seeks to enhance the quality of health education within our state's public school system. This focuses on equipping our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to increase the number of CPR-trained bystanders.

By enacting this legislation, we prioritize 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.

By integrating CPR education into the school curriculum, we are promoting 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.