

SENATE BILL NO. 221

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education in public schools; relating**
2 **to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for**
3 **an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 14.30.360(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Each district in the state public school system shall be encouraged to
7 initiate and conduct a program in health education for kindergarten through grade 12.
8 The program should include instruction in physical health and personal safety
9 including alcohol and drug abuse education, [CARDIOPULMONARY
10 RESUSCITATION (CPR),] early cancer prevention and detection, dental health,
11 family health including infant care, environmental health, the identification and
12 prevention of child abuse, child abduction, neglect, sexual abuse, and domestic
13 violence, and appropriate use of health services.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

1 **Sec. 14.30.363. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation education.** The department
2 shall develop and implement curricula to instruct public school students on hands-only
3 cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The department shall determine which grade levels are
4 required to receive instruction under this section and develop curricula that is
5 appropriate for each of those grade levels. A person holding a current
6 cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructor certificate or a current teacher certificate
7 issued under AS 14.20 may present the curriculum to students. Each public school
8 providing instruction to students in grades for which this curriculum has been adopted
9 shall offer the instruction. The curricula must

10 (1) be based on current national, evidence-based emergency
11 cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

12 (2) incorporate hands-on practice in addition to cognitive learning;

13 (3) include instruction in the appropriate use of an automated external
14 defibrillator, which may be taught using video or other means if in-person instruction
15 is not available.

16 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect August 25, 2025.