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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, McNamara, Tanzi, Ajello, and Canario

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-22-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-22 entitled
2 "Curriculum [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **16-22-15. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training.** -- (a) The department of
5 elementary and secondary education shall develop and prescribe a cardiopulmonary resuscitation
6 (CPR) training course for public school students in the state. The course shall be established in
7 accordance with the requirements and criteria obtained from the Red Cross and/or the American
8 Heart Association and the director of the department of health.

9 (b) The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate course
10 guidelines including the age or grade level of pupils required to receive cardiopulmonary
11 resuscitation (CPR) training. This shall at a minimum include psychomotor skill-based
12 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and an overview of automated external defibrillator
13 (AED) use for all high school students prior to graduation. "Psychomotor skill" is defined as the
14 use of hands-on practicing to support cognitive learning. Cognitive-only training does not qualify.
15 Formal certification is not required.

16 (c) The school committees of the several cities, towns, and school districts shall provide
17 for the incorporation of the course in training in existing health education courses. The
18 department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a procedure for monitoring
19 adherence to this section.

1 (d) Appropriation. The sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) is hereby
2 appropriated for fiscal year 2016 from the general fund to the director of health for the purchase
3 of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) mannequins. Mannequins shall be distributed to all high
4 schools in the state to aid with the implementation of the CPR training requirement established
5 pursuant to this section.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would appropriate seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the fiscal year
2 2016 for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) mannequins and CPR training.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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