

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

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

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

Sec. 2. Standards for instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use. The Commissioner of Education shall establish, by rule, standards for instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or "CPR," and automated external defibrillator, or "AED," use. The commissioner shall base the standards for instruction of CPR and AED use on the programs established by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. By the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, every school that is required to participate in the system of learning results set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209 shall implement instruction in CPR and use of an AED based on the rules adopted by the commissioner. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Effective date. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 2, paragraph D takes effect July 1, 2012.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that, as a condition of graduation from high school, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, each student receive instruction and achieve proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator.