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BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 244, Printer's No. 210

Prime Sponsor: Kasunic

Summary

This legislation amends Article XIV (relating to School Health Services) of act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), known as the Public School Code by adding a new section relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Current Law

Under section 1205.4 (relating to CPR instruction) of the Public School Code, all school entities are required to offer a CPR training class on school premises at least once every three years as an option to all employees of the school. School employees are not required to be trained or certified in CPR.

Analysis

Senate Bill 244 adds section 1439 (relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation), which requires all schools, public and private, to have a least one member of the school staff trained and certified in CPR present at the school premises at all times during regular school hours when school is in session, except in extenuating circumstances.

This legislation also provides Good Samaritan immunity for those who come to the aid of a person and provided CPR.

The act takes effect in 90 days.

History

Senator Kasunic introduced this legislation during the 2009-2010 legislative session as Senate Bill 1009, which received a unanimous vote from the Senate Education Committee.