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House of Representatives, March 16, 2011

**An Act To Require Students To Receive Instruction in
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the Use of an Automated
External Defibrillator prior to Graduation**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAIN of Orono, EVES of North Berwick, INNES
of Yarmouth, MAKER of Calais, Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

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

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

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

6 **Sec. 2. Standards for instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and**
7 **automated external defibrillator use.** The Commissioner of Education shall
8 establish, by rule, standards for instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or "CPR,"
9 and automated external defibrillator, or "AED," use. The commissioner shall base the
10 standards for instruction of CPR and AED use on the programs established by the
11 American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. By the beginning of the
12 2012-2013 school year, every school that is required to participate in the system of
13 learning results set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209 shall
14 implement instruction in CPR and use of an AED based on the rules adopted by the
15 commissioner. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as
16 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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

19 **SUMMARY**

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