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HOUSE BILL 837  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/31/11

Short Title: Completion of CPR by Students Required.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MAKE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF INSTRUCTION IN CPR  
3 AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS WITH A PLAN TO PHASE IN COMPLETION OF  
4 CPR INSTRUCTION AS A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT BY 2014.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-81(e1)(1) reads as rewritten:

7 "(e1) School Health Education Program to Be Developed and Administered.

8 (1) A comprehensive school health education program shall be developed and  
9 taught to pupils of the public schools of this State from kindergarten through  
10 ninth grade. This program includes age-appropriate instruction in the  
11 following subject areas, regardless of whether this instruction is described  
12 as, or incorporated into a description of, "family life education", "family  
13 health education", "health education", "family living", "health", "healthful  
14 living curriculum", or "self-esteem":

15 a. Mental and emotional ~~health;~~health.

16 b. Drug and alcohol abuse ~~prevention;~~prevention.

17 c. ~~Nutrition;~~Nutrition.

18 d. Dental ~~health;~~health.

19 e. Environmental ~~health;~~health.

20 f. Family ~~living;~~living.

21 g. Consumer ~~health;~~health.

22 h. Disease ~~control;~~control.

23 i. Growth and ~~development;~~development.

24 j. First aid and emergency care, including the teaching of  
25 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver by  
26 using hands-on training with mannequins so that students ~~become~~  
27 ~~proficient in order to~~ pass a test approved by the American Heart  
28 Association, or American Red ~~Cross;~~Cross. Schools shall use for this  
29 purpose an instructional program developed by the American Heart  
30 Association, the American Red Cross, or other nationally recognized  
31 programs, that is based on the most current national evidence-based  
32 emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for CPR. Schools shall  
33 maintain documentation in an electronic database that students have  
34 successfully completed CPR instruction to meet Healthful Living  
35 Essential Standards. Successful completion of instruction in CPR



- 1                                    shall be a requirement for high school graduation by the 2013-2014  
2                                    school year.
- 3                    k.        Preventing sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and  
4                                    other communicable ~~diseases;diseases.~~
- 5                    l.        Reproductive health and safety ~~education; and~~ education.
- 6                    m.        Bicycle safety.

7                    As used in this subsection, "HIV/AIDS" means Human  
8                    Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome."

9                    **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education shall work in cooperation with the  
10                    American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and other nationally recognized  
11                    programs to develop a strategic plan to phase in successful completion of cardiopulmonary  
12                    resuscitation instruction as a requirement for high school graduation by the 2013-2014 school  
13                    year. The plan shall include costs of, and details regarding, procedures for:

- 14                    (1)        Obtaining and maintaining documentation regarding students who  
15                                    successfully complete cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction through  
16                                    Healthful Living Essential Standards. Documentation efforts shall be  
17                                    initiated during the 2011-2012 school year.
- 18                    (2)        Identifying students not successfully completing cardiopulmonary  
19                                    resuscitation instruction through Healthful Living Essential Standards and  
20                                    ensuring that those students successfully complete cardiopulmonary  
21                                    resuscitation instruction through other appropriate formats pursuant to  
22                                    G.S. 115C-81(e1)(1)j. Identification of students needing cardiopulmonary  
23                                    resuscitation instruction and offering this instruction to those students shall  
24                                    begin during the 2012-2013 school year.
- 25                    (3)        Requiring successful completion of cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
26                                    instruction as a requirement for high school graduation by the 2013-2014  
27                                    school year.

28                    The plan shall be implemented at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

29                    The SBE shall report on this plan to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight  
30                    Committee by December 15, 2012. The SBE shall report on plan implementation to the Joint  
31                    Legislative Education Oversight Committee by October 15, 2014.

32                    **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
33                    the 2011-2012 school year.