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HOUSE BILL 837

Short Title: Completion of CPR by Students Required. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Carney and Justice (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF INSTRUCTION IN CPR A
3 REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-81 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(e2) The State Board of Education shall require instruction in CPR as a component of the
7 Healthful Living standard course of study. This instruction shall include the hands-on training
8 necessary to perform CPR. Schools shall use for this purpose an instructional program
9 developed by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or another nationally
10 recognized program that is based on the most current national evidence-based emergency
11 cardiovascular care guidelines for CPR.

12 Schools shall maintain documentation that students have successfully completed the
13 instruction and successful completion of the instructional program shall be a requirement for
14 high school graduation."

15 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-238.29F(d) reads as rewritten:

16 "(d) Instructional Program. –

- 17 (1) **(See note)** The school shall provide instruction each year for at least 180
18 days.
19 (2) The school shall design its programs to at least meet the student performance
20 standards adopted by the State Board of Education and the student
21 performance standards contained in the charter.
22 (3) A charter school shall conduct the student assessments required for charter
23 schools by the State Board of Education.
24 (4) The school shall comply with policies adopted by the State Board of
25 Education for charter schools relating to the education of children with
26 disabilities.
27 (5) The school is subject to and shall comply with Article 27 of Chapter 115C of
28 the General Statutes, except that a charter school may also exclude a student
29 from the charter school and return that student to another school in the local
30 school administrative unit in accordance with the terms of its charter.

31 (6) Charter schools shall offer instruction in CPR as a component of the
32 Healthful Living standard course of study. This instruction shall include the
33 hands-on training necessary to perform CPR. Schools shall use for this
34 purpose an instructional program developed by the American Heart
35 Association, the American Red Cross, or another nationally recognized



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