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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1719**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez**  
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An act to amend Section 1714.2 of the Civil Code, and to amend Section 51202 of, and to add Section 51225.6 to, the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1719, as amended, Rodriguez. Pupil instruction: cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

**Existing**

(1) *Existing* law authorizes a school district or school to provide a comprehensive program in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, or both, to pupils and employees in accordance with specified guidelines. Existing law establishes a list of courses that a pupil in a school district is required to complete in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in order to receive a diploma of graduation from high school.

This bill would require, commencing with the ~~2017–18~~ 2018–19 school year, the governing board of a school district, and the governing body of a charter school, offering instruction to pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to provide instruction on performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation as part of a ~~required course~~; *course required to be offered*,

as provided. The bill would encourage those entities to provide to pupils general information on the use and importance of an automated external defibrillator. The bill would require the State Department of Education to provide guidance on how to implement these provisions, including, but not limited to, who may provide instruction. The bill would also make conforming changes to a related code section. By imposing additional requirements on school districts and charter schools, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

*(2) Existing law provides that no person who is certified to instruct in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross shall be liable for any civil damages alleged to result from the acts or omissions of an individual who received instruction on cardiopulmonary resuscitation by that certified instructor.*

*This bill would provide that no public school teacher who instructs pupils in cardiopulmonary resuscitation using an instructional program based on national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for the performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be liable for any civil damages alleged to result from the acts or omissions of a pupil who received instruction on cardiopulmonary resuscitation by that teacher.*

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*(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.*

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 1714.2 of the Civil Code is amended to  
2     read:

3     1714.2. (a) In order to encourage citizens to participate in  
4     emergency medical services training programs and to render  
5     emergency medical services to fellow citizens, no person who has  
6     completed a basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation course ~~which~~

1 *that* complies with the standards adopted by the American Heart  
2 Association or the American Red Cross for cardiopulmonary  
3 resuscitation and emergency cardiac care, and who, in good faith,  
4 renders emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the scene of  
5 an emergency shall be liable for any civil damages as a result of  
6 any acts or omissions by such person rendering the emergency  
7 care.

8 (b) This section shall not be construed to grant immunity from  
9 civil damages to any person whose conduct in rendering such  
10 emergency care constitutes gross negligence.

11 (c) In order to encourage local agencies and other organizations  
12 to train citizens in cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques, no  
13 local agency, entity of state or local government, or other public  
14 or private organization ~~which~~ *that* sponsors, authorizes, supports,  
15 finances, or supervises the training of citizens in cardiopulmonary  
16 resuscitation shall be liable for any civil damages alleged to result  
17 from such training programs.

18 (d) (1) In order to encourage qualified individuals to instruct  
19 citizens in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, no person who is  
20 certified to instruct in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by either the  
21 American Heart Association or the American Red Cross shall be  
22 liable for any civil damages alleged to result from the acts or  
23 omissions of an individual who received instruction on  
24 cardiopulmonary resuscitation by that certified instructor.

25 (2) (A) *No public school teacher who instructs pupils in*  
26 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation using an instructional program*  
27 *based on national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care*  
28 *guidelines for the performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation,*  
29 *such as the guidelines developed by the American Heart*  
30 *Association or the American Red Cross, shall be liable for any*  
31 *civil damages alleged to result from the acts or omissions of a*  
32 *pupil who received instruction on cardiopulmonary resuscitation*  
33 *by that teacher.*

34 (B) *For purposes of this paragraph, “public school” means a*  
35 *county office of education, school district, state special school, or*  
36 *charter school.*

37 (e) This section shall not be construed to grant immunity from  
38 civil damages to any person who renders such emergency care to  
39 an individual with the expectation of receiving compensation from  
40 the individual for providing the emergency care.

1     ~~SECTION 1.~~

2     ~~SEC. 2.~~ Section 51202 of the Education Code is amended to  
3 read:

4     51202. The adopted course of study shall provide instruction  
5 at the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels and  
6 subject areas in personal and public safety and accident prevention,  
7 including emergency first aid instruction, instruction in hemorrhage  
8 control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and  
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation when appropriate equipment is  
10 available or when instruction is required pursuant to Section  
11 51225.6; fire prevention; the protection and conservation of  
12 resources, including the necessity for the protection of our  
13 environment; and health, including venereal disease and the effects  
14 of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body.  
15 The health instruction may include prenatal care for pregnant  
16 women and violence as a public health issue.

17     ~~SEC. 2.~~

18     ~~SEC. 3.~~ Section 51225.6 is added to the Education Code, to  
19 read:

20     51225.6. (a) Commencing with the ~~2017–18~~ 2018–19 school  
21 year, the governing board of a school district, and the governing  
22 body of a charter school, offering instruction to pupils in grades  
23 9 to 12, inclusive, shall provide instruction in performing  
24 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as part of a course *offered*  
25 *in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that is* required pursuant to this  
26 article. This instruction *may consist solely of instruction in*  
27 *compression-only CPR and* shall include both of the following:

28     (1) An instructional program based on national evidence-based  
29 emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for the performance of  
30 CPR, such as those developed by the American Heart Association  
31 or the American Red Cross.

32     (2) Training for pupils relative to the psychomotor skills  
33 necessary to perform CPR. For purposes of this paragraph,  
34 “psychomotor skills” means skills that pupils are required to  
35 perform as hands-on practice to support cognitive learning.

36     (b) Before the commencement of the 2017–18 school year, the  
37 department shall provide guidance on how to implement this  
38 section, including, but not limited to, who may provide instruction  
39 pursuant to this section. The department may consider an individual  
40 in any of the following categories to provide instruction:

1 (1) A health care provider licensed pursuant to Division 2  
2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions  
3 Code, the Osteopathic Initiative Act, as set forth in Chapter 8  
4 (commencing with Section 3600) of Division 2 of the Business  
5 and Professions Code, or the Chiropractic Initiative Act, as set  
6 forth in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1000) of Division  
7 2 of the Business and Professions Code.

8 (2) A person certified pursuant to the Emergency Medical  
9 Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care  
10 Personnel Act (Division 2.5 (commencing with Section 1797) of  
11 the Health and Safety Code).

12 (3) A peace officer, as defined in Section 830 of the Penal Code.

13 (4) A firefighter, defined as any regularly employed and paid  
14 officer, employee, or member of a fire department or fire protection  
15 or firefighting agency of the State of California, a city, a county,  
16 a city and county, a district, or other public or municipal  
17 corporation or political subdivision of this state or member of an  
18 emergency reserve unit of a volunteer fire department or fire  
19 protection district.

20 (5) A teacher.

21 (6) An instructor certified to teach CPR by the American Red  
22 Cross or the American Heart Association, or an instructor certified  
23 to teach an instructional program that is nationally recognized and  
24 based on national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care  
25 guidelines for the performance of CPR.

26 (7) Any other provider of instruction in performing CPR, as  
27 determined by the department.

28 (c) The governing board of a school district or the governing  
29 body of a charter school is encouraged to provide to pupils general  
30 information on the use and importance of an automated external  
31 defibrillator (AED). The physical presence of an AED in the  
32 classroom is not required.

33 (d) The governing board of a school district or the governing  
34 body of a charter school may adopt ~~regulations~~ *policies* to  
35 implement this section.

36 (e) (1) The governing board of a school district or the governing  
37 body of a charter school providing instruction in performing CPR  
38 or information on the use of an AED pursuant to this section is  
39 encouraged to use the most cost-effective means possible to  
40 implement that requirement.

1 (2) This section shall not be construed to require the governing  
2 board of a school district or the governing body of a charter school  
3 to make any purchases, including, but not limited to, purchasing  
4 an AED.

5 (f) An entity providing, or overseeing the provision of,  
6 instruction in performing CPR or information on the use of an  
7 AED pursuant to this section may be exempt from civil liability,  
8 as applicable and except as specified, pursuant to Section 1714.2  
9 or 1714.21 of the Civil Code, respectively.

10 ~~SEC. 3.~~

11 *SEC. 4.* If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
12 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
13 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
14 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
15 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.