

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 400

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

CURRICULA: Requires instruction relative to cardiac health in high school

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:271.1 and 3996(B)(67), relative to curricula; to require instruction relative
3 to cardiac health in high school; to provide for the incorporation of the instruction
4 into an existing course; to require the state Department of Education to establish a
5 clearinghouse for curricula, materials, and best practices relative to such instruction;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:271.1 and 3996(B)(67) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §271.1. Cardiac health; required instruction

10 A. Each public school that enrolls students in grades nine through twelve
11 shall provide instruction relative to cardiac health. The instruction shall be
12 integrated into the curriculum of an existing course, such as health education,
13 physical education, or another course that is required for graduation, and shall
14 include, at minimum, the following:

- 15 (1) The nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest.
16 (2) The risks associated with continuing to participate in an athletic activity
17 after experiencing one or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, including but not
18 limited to fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness, and an abnormal heart
19 rate.

