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HOUSE BILL NO. 400

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BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

CURRICULA: Requires instruction relative to cardiac health in high school

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.

1	(3) The importance of routine physicals with particular attention to cardiac
2	health, including screenings such as electrocardiograms that may be recommended
3	by health care providers.
4	B. The state Department of Education, in consultation with the Department
5	of Health, shall establish and maintain a clearinghouse regarding curricula,
6	instructional materials, and best practices for the instruction required by this Section.
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8	§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements
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10	B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
11	except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
12	charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
13	Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
14	exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
15	applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
16	the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:
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18	(67) Instruction on cardiac health, R.S. 17:271.1.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires instruction to be provided to high school students on cardiac health.

Proposed law requires public high schools to provide instruction relative to cardiac health, which shall be integrated into an existing required course. Requires the state Dept. of Education, in consultation with the Dept. of Health, to establish a clearinghouse regarding curricula, instructional materials, and best practices for the instruction. Applicable to all public schools, including charter schools.

(Adds R.S. 17:271.1 and 3996(B)(67))

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