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# **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

Bill:	H.B. 113 of the 131st G.A.	Date:	April 28, 2015
Status:	As Introduced	Sponsor:	Reps. Grossman and Manning

#### Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

**Contents**: Requires instruction in CPR and the use of a defibrillator as a high school graduation requirement

### **State Fiscal Highlights**

• The bill requires the Department of Education (ODE) to establish a procedure for monitoring compliance with the bill's provisions by school districts and schools, which will have a negligible impact on ODE's administrative burden.

## **Local Fiscal Highlights**

• The bill requires hands-on instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) as a requirement for high school graduation. Current law requires instruction in CPR but not in the use of a defibrillator. Schools that do not already provide both types of instruction may experience an increase in costs to comply with the bill's provisions; however, these costs are not expected to exceed minimal. The American Heart Association offers a training kit for \$625 that fulfills the requirements of the bill.

#### **Detailed Fiscal Analysis**

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the bill requires each school district and chartered nonpublic school to provide hands-on instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) as a requirement for a student's high school graduation, unless the student has already successfully completed curriculum in first aid. Specifically, the bill requires the use of an instructional program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross, or another nationally recognized, evidence-based program. Schools that do not already provide this instruction may experience an increase in costs to comply with the bill's provisions; however, these costs are not expected to exceed minimal.

Current law requires instruction in CPR but not in the use of a defibrillator. Furthermore, CPR instruction is not required to be hands-on, as is required by the bill. Schools that already provide both types of instruction will not experience any costs. For schools that do not already provide both types of instruction, the American Heart Association offers a CPR in Schools Training Kit<sup>1</sup> for \$625 that fulfills the requirements outlined in the bill. Because this kit may be reused throughout an entire school, the overall cost for any high school is no greater than minimal. Furthermore, these kits may also be shared amongst schools.

The bill also requires the Department of Education (ODE) to establish a procedure for monitoring compliance by school districts and schools, which will have a negligible impact on ODE's administrative burden.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/CPRAndECC/CommunityCPRandFirstAid/CPRinSchools/CPR-in-Schools\_UCM\_453682\_SubHomePage.jsp.