

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1210

By: Fields

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring certain teachers to receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and certification; setting deadline for training for certain teachers; requiring the State Department of Education to develop a CPR instruction program; requiring school districts to offer a CPR instruction program to teaching personnel; providing certain options for training; requiring proof of certain training; directing school districts to encourage employees to take CPR training; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.199, which relates to CPR instruction programs; requiring CPR instruction in certain classes; stating minimum amount of instruction; requiring the Department to develop certain programs; allowing certain materials and courses; requiring instructors to have certain certification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-179 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning January 1, 1996, all teachers who teach a physical education class or who coach a school district-sponsored athletic team or activity shall receive instruction and certification in the techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) sufficient to enable the teacher to give emergency assistance to victims of cardiac arrest. Those teachers who are teaching physical education or athletic activities as of January 1, 1996, shall have until July 1, 1996, to receive CPR instruction and certification.

B. The State Department of Education shall develop a CPR instruction program to train teaching personnel. A school district shall offer CPR instruction to teachers through the program developed by the Department or through training courses provided by organizations that routinely offer the courses.

C. Teachers required to have CPR instruction and certification pursuant to subsection A of this section may receive the training through a program offered by the school district or may pursue training on their own. Teachers who receive CPR instruction and certification on their own shall provide the school district with proof of training and certification.

D. School districts shall encourage all other teachers not involved in physical education or athletics and support personnel who are employed by the district to receive training in the techniques of CPR.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.199, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.199 A. All students enrolled in health or physical education in classes in the public schools of this state shall, at a minimum of once during the period from grades nine through twelve ~~in the public schools of this state may,~~ receive

instruction in the techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation sufficient to enable such students to give emergency assistance to victims of cardiac arrest.

B. The State Department of Education ~~may~~ shall administer the cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction program for students and train teaching personnel pursuant to ~~regulations adopted by the State Board of Education~~ Section 1 of this act. Teaching materials and training courses provided by ~~the American Heart Association and similar~~ organizations that offer such materials and courses may be utilized. All persons providing instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be certified as CPR instructors.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

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