

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Education

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires school districts provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and uses of automated external defibrillators to students. Requires instruction be based on American Heart Association guidelines. Specifies acceptable instructors. Exempts students who are unable to participate by reason of disability. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

-1 amendments (proposed) remove requirement that instruction be based on American Heart Association guidelines. Require instead that instruction be based on current, nationally recognized emergency cardiac care guidelines.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 1033 (2010) required schools to have automated external defibrillators on their premises. Senate Bill 375 (2013) proposed to require that students receive training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated defibrillators in order to receive a high school diploma. Senate Bill 375 was referred to and heard by the Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development, but remained in committee upon adjournment.

Senate Bill 79 requires that school districts provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the uses of automated external defibrillators to students in grades seven through 12, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. The bill requires that the instruction included hands-on practicing of CPR, and be developed by the American Heart Association (AHA), American Red Cross, or other organization that has developed nationally recognized instruction based on AHA guidelines.