### **SENATE BILL NO. 221**

# IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

### THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Education, Finance

### **A BILL**

## FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

- 1 "An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education in public schools; relating
- 2 to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for
- 3 an effective date."
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
- 5 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.30.360(a) is amended to read:
- 6 (a) Each district in the state public school system shall be encouraged to 7 initiate and conduct a program in health education for kindergarten through grade 12. 8 The program should include instruction in physical health and personal safety 9 including and abuse education, alcohol drug [CARDIOPULMONARY 10 RESUSCITATION (CPR), early cancer prevention and detection, dental health, 11 family health including infant care, environmental health, the identification and 12 prevention of child abuse, child abduction, neglect, sexual abuse, and domestic 13 violence, and appropriate use of health services.
- \* Sec. 2. AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.30.363. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation education. The department
shall develop and implement curricula to instruct public school students on hands-only
cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The department shall determine which grade levels are
required to receive instruction under this section and develop curricula that is
appropriate for each of those grade levels. A person holding a current
cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructor certificate or a current teacher certificate
issued under AS 14.20 may present the curriculum to students. Each public school
providing instruction to students in grades for which this curriculum has been adopted
shall offer the instruction. The curricula must
(1) be based on current national, evidence-based emergency
cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
(2) incorporate hands-on practice in addition to cognitive learning;
(3) include instruction in the appropriate use of an automated external

defibrillator, which may be taught using video or other means if in-person instruction

is not available.