

# SENATE BILL 503

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By: **Senators Pugh, Forehand, Gladden, Madaleno, Manno, McFadden,  
Montgomery, Stone, ~~and Zirkin~~ Zirkin, and Jennings**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External**  
3 **Defibrillator Instruction – ~~Graduation Requirement~~**  
4 **(Breanna’s Law)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring a public school student to complete, as part of certain  
6 curricula, instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation that includes  
7 hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated  
8 external defibrillator ~~to graduate from high school~~ beginning with students  
9 entering a certain grade in a certain year; requiring each county board of  
10 education to provide, as part of certain curricula, instruction in  
11 cardiopulmonary resuscitation that includes hands-only cardiopulmonary  
12 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator in certain  
13 schools beginning in a certain year, using a certain instructional program, and  
14 incorporating certain skills; requiring, if the instruction is offered for  
15 certification, a certain individual to conduct the instruction; authorizing, if the  
16 instruction is not offered for certification, a certain individual to facilitate,  
17 provide, or oversee the instruction; requiring the State Department of  
18 Education to develop a process to monitor the implementation of certain  
19 provisions of law; defining certain terms; and generally relating to instruction in  
20 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external  
21 defibrillator ~~and high school graduation requirements~~ in the State.

22 BY adding to  
23 Article – Education

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 7–205.2  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
5 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article – Education**

7 **7–205.2.**

8 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
9 MEANINGS INDICATED.

10 (2) “AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR” HAS THE MEANING  
11 STATED IN § 13–517 OF THIS ARTICLE.

12 (3) “PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS” MEANS THE USE OF HANDS–ON  
13 PRACTICING TO SUPPORT COGNITIVE LEARNING.

14 (B) BEGINNING WITH STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9 IN THE 2015–2016  
15 SCHOOL YEAR, ~~TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL,~~ A STUDENT SHALL  
16 COMPLETE, AS PART OF THE HEALTH OR PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM,  
17 INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION THAT INCLUDES  
18 HANDS–ONLY CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AN  
19 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.

20 (C) BEGINNING IN THE 2015–2016 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD  
21 SHALL PROVIDE, AS PART OF THE HEALTH OR PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
22 CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION THAT  
23 INCLUDES HANDS–ONLY CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF  
24 AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT  
25 ENROLLS STUDENTS IN ANY OF THE GRADES ~~7~~ 9 THROUGH 12 IN THE COUNTY.

26 (D) THE INSTRUCTION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF  
27 THIS SECTION SHALL:

28 (1) USE AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM THAT IS:

29 (i) DEVELOPED BY THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION  
30 OR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS; OR

31 (ii) APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY  
32 BOARD AND IS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND BASED ON THE MOST CURRENT  
33 NATIONAL EVIDENCE–BASED EMERGENCY CARDIOVASCULAR CARE GUIDELINES

1 FOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED  
2 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR; AND

3 (2) INCORPORATE THE PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS NECESSARY TO  
4 PERFORM CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND TO USE AN AUTOMATED  
5 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.

6 (E) (1) IF THE INSTRUCTION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B)  
7 AND (C) OF THIS SECTION IS OFFERED FOR CERTIFICATION, THE COURSE MUST  
8 BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN  
9 HEART ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, OR A SIMILAR NATIONALLY  
10 RECOGNIZED ENTITY AS AN INSTRUCTOR OF CARDIOPULMONARY  
11 RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.

12 (2) IF THE INSTRUCTION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B)  
13 AND (C) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT OFFERED FOR CERTIFICATION, A ~~LICENSED~~  
14 TEACHER WHO IS NOT A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR OF CARDIOPULMONARY  
15 RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR  
16 MAY FACILITATE, PROVIDE, OR OVERSEE THE INSTRUCTION.

17 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS TO MONITOR THE  
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 July 1, 2014.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.