

# SENATE BILL 503

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Montgomery, Stone, and Zirkin**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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

20 BY adding to

21 Article – Education

22 Section 7–205.2

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

24 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

27 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **7-205.2.**

2 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
3 MEANINGS INDICATED.

4 (2) "AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR" HAS THE MEANING  
5 STATED IN § 13-517 OF THIS ARTICLE.

6 (3) "PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS" MEANS THE USE OF HANDS-ON  
7 PRACTICING TO SUPPORT COGNITIVE LEARNING.

8 (B) BEGINNING WITH STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9 IN THE 2015-2016  
9 SCHOOL YEAR, TO GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL, A STUDENT SHALL  
10 COMPLETE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE  
11 OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.

12 (C) BEGINNING IN THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD  
13 SHALL PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE  
14 USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
15 THAT ENROLLS STUDENTS IN ANY OF THE GRADES 7 THROUGH 12 IN THE  
16 COUNTY.

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

19 (1) USE AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM THAT IS:

20 (i) DEVELOPED BY THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION  
21 OR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS; OR

22 (ii) APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY  
23 BOARD AND IS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND BASED ON THE MOST CURRENT  
24 NATIONAL EVIDENCE-BASED EMERGENCY CARDIOVASCULAR CARE GUIDELINES  
25 FOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED  
26 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR; AND

27 (2) INCORPORATE THE PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS NECESSARY TO  
28 PERFORM CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND TO USE AN AUTOMATED  
29 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.

30 (E) (1) IF THE INSTRUCTION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B)  
31 AND (C) OF THIS SECTION IS OFFERED FOR CERTIFICATION, THE COURSE MUST  
32 BE CONDUCTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN

1 HEART ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, OR A SIMILAR NATIONALLY  
2 RECOGNIZED ENTITY AS AN INSTRUCTOR OF CARDIOPULMONARY  
3 RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.

4 (2) IF THE INSTRUCTION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B)  
5 AND (C) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT OFFERED FOR CERTIFICATION, A LICENSED  
6 TEACHER WHO IS NOT A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR OF CARDIOPULMONARY  
7 RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR  
8 MAY FACILITATE, PROVIDE, OR OVERSEE THE INSTRUCTION.

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

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