Senate Bill 79

Relating to safety instruction provided to students; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As an integral part of the health education curriculum or the physical education curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12, each school district must provide instruction in:
   (a) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
   (b) The uses of automated external defibrillators.
(2) Instruction provided as required by subsection (1) of this section must:
   (a) Include hands-on practicing of cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
   (b) Be developed by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross or another organization that has developed an instructional program based on current, nationally recognized emergency cardiac care guidelines.
(3) Instruction provided as required by subsection (1) of this section may be taught by persons who:
   (a) Are not licensed teachers but who are certified to provide the instruction, including volunteers from the community; or
   (b) Are licensed teachers but who are not certified to provide the instruction.
(4) A school district may waive the requirement that instruction provided under subsection (1) of this section include hands-on practicing of cardiopulmonary resuscitation for any student who is unable to participate in hands-on practicing by reason of disability.
(5) The requirement that instruction provided under subsection (1) of this section include hands-on practicing of cardiopulmonary resuscitation does not apply to students enrolled in a virtual public charter school, as defined in ORS 338.005.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act first applies to the 2015-2016 school year.

SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect July 1, 2015.