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Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

AN ACT

To provide grants for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
training in public schools.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. TEACHING CHILDREN TO SAVE LIVES.**

2 Title XII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
3 300d et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“PART G—TEACHING CHILDREN TO SAVE**
6 **LIVES**

7 **“SEC. 1271. SHORT TITLE.**

8 “This part may be cited as the ‘Teaching Children
9 To Save Lives Act’.

10 **“SEC. 1272. FINDINGS.**

11 “The Congress finds the following:

12 “(1) Teaching school children to perform the
13 life-saving skill of cardiopulmonary resuscitation
14 (CPR), to identify and respond to choking victims,
15 and to recognize the signs of stroke can improve
16 their confidence in responding to an emergency and
17 can encourage continued efforts to update these
18 skills after graduation, thereby potentially reducing
19 the rate of death from sudden cardiac arrest, chok-
20 ing and stroke.

21 “(2) Heart disease is the leading cause of death
22 in the United States.

23 “(3) 220,000 Americans die each year of sud-
24 den cardiac arrest.

25 “(4) The American Heart Association estimates
26 that the lives of 50,000 cardiac arrest victims could

1 be saved each year through initiating a course of ac-
 2 tion known as the ‘chain of survival’.

3 “(5) The chain of survival includes prompt noti-
 4 fication of emergency services and early CPR,
 5 defibrillation, and advanced cardiac life support.

6 “(6) An important part of United States school
 7 children’s education is learning healthy behaviors,
 8 including proper nutrition and physical activity. This
 9 health education should also include basic emergency
 10 life-saving skills.

11 “(7) Incorporating these lifesaving training pro-
 12 grams into the health curriculum of elementary and
 13 secondary schools will give school children these
 14 skills.

15 **“SEC. 1273. GRANTS FOR CPR TRAINING IN PUBLIC**
 16 **SCHOOLS.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
 18 the Health Resources and Services Administration, is au-
 19 thorized to award grants to State agencies to enable the
 20 State agencies to award grants to local agencies and tar-
 21 geted schools or school districts for cardiopulmonary re-
 22 suscitation (CPR) training in targeted localities. Such
 23 training shall utilize nationally recognized training
 24 courses. Such grants in conjunction with local efforts shall
 25 ensure that training sites have the ability to start up, in-

cluding funds for instructor training, training in CPR instruction, purchase of printed informational or instructional materials, manikins, automated external defibrillator (AED) training devices, and other equipment.

“(b) COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.—A State agency shall award grants under this section in a manner that encourages and fosters new and existing community partnerships with and among public and private organizations (such as local educational agencies, nonprofit organizations, public health organizations, emergency medical service providers, fire and police departments, and parent-teacher associations) to aid in providing CPR training in a nationally approved program in targeted schools.

“(c) AWARD BASIS.—In awarding grants under this section a State agency shall take into consideration—

“(1) the need for and existence of CPR training programs in targeted schools or communities served by targeted schools;

“(2) geographic barriers to coordinating CPR training programs; and

“(3) options to maximize the use of funds provided under this section.

“(d) AED TRAINING DEVICES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section for the purchase of an AED training device, a local agency or targeted school

1 shall demonstrate that such agency or school is currently
2 implementing a CPR training program.

3 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) AED.—The term ‘AED’ means automated
5 external defibrillator.

6 “(2) CPR.—The term ‘CPR’ means
7 cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

8 “(3) INSTRUCTOR.—The term ‘instructor’
9 means a nurse, principal, school counselor, teacher,
10 or other qualified individual who is certified by a na-
11 tionally recognized program to train individuals in
12 CPR.

13 “(4) TARGETED SCHOOL.—The term ‘targeted
14 school’ means a public elementary school or sec-
15 ondary school (as defined in section 14101 of the El-
16 ementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965)
17 that includes students in any of grades 6 through
18 12.

19 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may make rules
20 to carry out this part.

21 **“SEC. 1274. REPORT.**

22 “The Secretary shall prepare and submit to Congress
23 a report regarding the activities assisted under this part.

1 **“SEC. 1275. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this part, \$30,000,000 for the 3-fiscal year period begin-
4 ning in fiscal year 2002.”.

Passed the Senate November 16, 2001.

Attest:

JERI THOMSON,
Secretary.