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Committee Assignment: Senate Liberty 4

Bill #:SL-28

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**An Act To:**

Amend 8 CRR-NY 100.5 to require all those who intend on graduating high school in New York to become CPR/AED certified.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:*

**Purpose:**

To make CPR training a mandatory graduate requirement unless opted out through parental/guardian consent coupled with guidance counselor approval.

**Summary of Provisions:**

**Section 1: Definitions**

CPR(Cardiopulmonary resuscitation): an emergency procedure that combines chest compressions with artificial ventilation in order to sustain brain function.

AED(Automated external defibrillator): a crisis device that can assess heart rhythm and, if needed, has the ability to restore heart rhythm through electrical shock.

**Section 2:**

Students first entering grade nine in the 2008-2009 school year and thereafter shall have earned at least 22 units of credit including two credits in physical education and undergo CPR/AED certification that will be provided during the students' retrieval of their health credit to receive a Regents diploma.

**Justification:**

Each year nationwide, more than 350,000 people suffer a cardiac arrest outside of a hospital; only about 10 percent survive. With this in mind, mandating CPR training for all students in order to graduate, there can be a lower mortality rate for people who go into cardiac arrest or stroke in public. Currently, 39 states require CPR/AED certification as a graduation requirement. If we can educate high school students on the importance and training in CPR, then we can potentially save a life.

**Fiscal Implications:**

The average cost of a \$35 online CPR/AED certification or a \$45 in-person CPR/AED certification will be paid by the student unless they get opted out by a parent and guidance counselor. The money to pay for these classes will come from students and their families. Under the circumstances of the school approving a grant to diverse money to the CPR/AED certification for students will the school pay for the classes.

**Effective Date:**

This bill will be effective on the entering class of freshmen one year after passage.