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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 156

Introduced by Assembly Member Jeffries

January 26, 2009

An act to amend Section ~~51202~~ 51225.3 of the Education Code, relating to *high school* curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 156, as amended, Jeffries. ~~Curriculum: cardiopulmonary resuscitation.~~ *High school curriculum: volunteer service.*

Existing law sets forth the courses a pupil is required to complete while in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in order to graduate from high school, and authorizes the governing board of a school district to specify by rule other required coursework.

This bill would authorize the governing board of a school district to offer one credit towards the required number of credits required for graduation from high school for training and certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or use of an automatic external defibrillator, or both.

~~Existing law provides that the adopted course of study in grades 1 to 12, inclusive, shall provide instruction in personal and public safety, including instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when appropriate equipment is available. Existing law also authorizes school districts and schools to provide a comprehensive program in CPR training to pupils and employees, as specified.~~

~~This bill would remove the exception relating to availability of equipment.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51225.3 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 51225.3. (a) ~~Commencing with the 1988–89 school year, no~~
4 No pupil shall receive a diploma of graduation from high school
5 who, while in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, has not completed all of
6 the following:

7 (1) At least the following numbers of courses in the subjects
8 specified, each course having a duration of one year, unless
9 otherwise specified.

10 (A) Three courses in English.

11 (B) Two courses in mathematics.

12 (C) Two courses in science, including biological and physical
13 sciences.

14 (D) Three courses in social studies, including United States
15 history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a
16 one-semester course in American government and civics, and a
17 one-semester course in economics.

18 (E) One course in visual or performing arts or foreign language.
19 For the purposes of satisfying the requirement specified in this
20 subparagraph, a course in American Sign Language shall be
21 deemed a course in foreign language.

22 (F) Two courses in physical education, unless the pupil has been
23 exempted pursuant to the provisions of this code.

24 (2) Other coursework as the governing board of the school
25 district may by rule specify.

26 (b) The governing board, with the active involvement of parents,
27 administrators, teachers, and pupils, shall adopt alternative means
28 for pupils to complete the prescribed course of study which may
29 include practical demonstration of skills and competencies,
30 supervised work experience or other outside school experience,
31 career technical education classes offered in high schools, courses
32 offered by regional occupational centers or programs,
33 interdisciplinary study, independent study, and credit earned at a
34 postsecondary institution. Requirements for graduation and

1 specified alternative modes for completing the prescribed course
2 of study shall be made available to pupils, parents, and the public.

3 (c) *The governing board of a school district may elect to offer*
4 *one credit towards the required number of credits necessary for*
5 *graduation from high school for training and certification in*
6 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the use of an automatic external*
7 *defibrillator, or both.*

8 SECTION 1.— Section 51202 of the Education Code is amended
9 to read:

10 51202. ~~The adopted course of study shall provide instruction~~
11 ~~at the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels and~~
12 ~~subject areas in personal and public safety and accident prevention,~~
13 ~~including emergency first aid instruction, instruction in hemorrhage~~
14 ~~control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and~~
15 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation; fire prevention; the protection and~~
16 ~~conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection~~
17 ~~of our environment; and health, including venereal disease and the~~
18 ~~effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human~~
19 ~~body. The health instruction may include prenatal care for pregnant~~
20 ~~women and violence as a public health issue.~~