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ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 365**

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Committee: Education

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require instruction in certain  
2 emergency procedures as a requirement for high school  
3 graduation as prescribed; and to provide for a waiver.  
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) Beginning with the 2013-14 school year,  
2 each student enrolled in a public high school in Nebraska, as a  
3 requirement for graduation, shall complete an instructional program  
4 established by the American Heart Association, the American Red  
5 Cross, or another nationally recognized program which uses the most  
6 current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care  
7 guidelines on basic first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and  
8 operation of an automated external defibrillator and successfully  
9 pass a written test on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and operation of  
10 an automated external defibrillator.

11           (2) Instruction required pursuant to subsection (1) of  
12 this section shall be taught by an educator or instructor, a member  
13 of the American Heart Association or an affiliate, a member of the  
14 American Red Cross or an affiliate, or an emergency care provider  
15 licensed under the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act. It is the  
16 intent of the Legislature to encourage such instructors to provide  
17 instruction, training, and resources at no cost to school districts.

18           (3) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation may be taught in a  
19 psychomotor skills class and may include hands-on training with  
20 simulators to supplement cognitive skills training or a video  
21 presentation. Operation of an automated external defibrillator may be  
22 taught in a psychomotor skills class or by video presentation.

23           (4) Students may but are not required to become certified  
24 upon completion of such instruction. The instruction required by this  
25 section shall be given by an instructor certified in cardiopulmonary

1 resuscitation and operation of an automatic external defibrillator.

2           (5) A school administrator may waive the requirements of  
3 this section for a student who is a child with a disability as  
4 defined in section 79-1117 or a student who holds a valid certificate  
5 in any of the required areas of instruction.