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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Passed in 2014, PA 98-0632, also known as
3 Lauren's Law, requires all Illinois high schools and secondary
4 schools to teach CPR and AED instruction and training as part
5 of their health curriculum; and

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WHEREAS, The CPR and AED training must be incorporated
7 into the health curriculum of a school, but it is not required
8 to be within that specific course time; the law does not
9 specify content, but both the American Red Cross and the
10 American Heart Association require that content must cover
11 lecture, demonstration, and practice; and

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WHEREAS, Lauren's Law does not require mouth-to-mouth,
13 mouth-to-facemask, or rescue breathing training but must
14 include hands-on skill delivery; the instruction may be
15 delivered in person, by video, online, by webinar, or by the
16 reading of manuals; and

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WHEREAS, Many schools do not have CPR or AED training as
18 part of their curriculum, or they have the training on their
19 syllabus but do not comply; currently, there are no
20 consequences for non-compliance; and

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WHEREAS, Untrained bystanders who witness cardiac arrest

1 do not know how to respond to a cardiac emergency, which loses
2 valuable response time; according to the American Heart
3 Association, over 350,000 people die from out of hospital
4 cardiac arrest each year; a person has a 10% chance of
5 surviving an out of hospital cardiac arrest; early recognition
6 of a cardiac arrest and immediate quality CPR is the link to
7 survival; bystander CPR can increase survival by 2-3 times;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly urge the
11 Illinois State Board of Education to enforce compliance of
12 Lauren's Law at all Illinois high schools and secondary
13 schools and to encourage school districts to include the
14 program as early as the 6th grade; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we strongly urge all public schools to
16 become Heart Safe Schools by completing a Cardiac Emergency
17 Response Plan (CERP); and be it further

18 RESOLVED, As part of the CERP, we urge schools to clearly
19 identify school staff that have CPR and AED certification and
20 offer non-certification CPR and AED training to other staff
21 members; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 delivered to the Illinois State Board of Education.