

HOUSE No. 4107

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Leigh Davis

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to require CPR training and promote careers in emergency medical services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Leigh Davis</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/8/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>6/10/2025</i>
<i>Steven J. Ouellette</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2026</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>5/27/2025</i>
<i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>10/7/2025</i>

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By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4107) of Leigh Davis relative to CPR training in schools and the promotion of careers in emergency medical services. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to require CPR training and promote careers in emergency medical services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after
2 section 2JJJJJ, the following section:-

3 Section 2KKKKKK. (a) For the purposes of section, the following words shall, unless the
4 context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

5 “Cardiopulmonary resuscitation” or “CPR”, an emergency procedure consisting of
6 ventilations, or breathing for the victim, and chest compressions.

7 “Commissioner”, the commissioner of the department of elementary and secondary
8 education established in section 1A of chapter 69.

9 “Department”, the department of elementary and secondary education established in
10 section 1A of chapter 69.

11 “Emergency medical services” or “EMS”, the pre-hospital assessment and treatment and
12 other services utilized in responding to an emergency or provided during the transport of patients
13 to appropriate health care facilities.

14 “Emergency medical technician” or “EMT”, a person who has successfully completed a
15 course in emergency medical care, approved by the department of public health or offered by an
16 accredited course sponsor, and who is certified by the department of public health. The term
17 emergency medical technician shall include EMT–Basic, EMT-Intermediate and EMT–
18 Paramedic.

19 (b) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate
20 fund known as the CPR and EMS High School Training Fund, hereinafter referred to as the fund.
21 The purpose of the fund shall be to: (i) establish and support CPR trainings for high school
22 students; (ii) establish and support EMS career awareness sessions for high school students; (iii)
23 establish and support an EMS ambassador program with the department of public health to work
24 with high schools; and (iv) provide aid and financial incentives to high school students for CPR
25 and EMS trainings and certifications. The fund shall be administered by the commissioner.

26 (c) The fund shall be credited with: (i) revenue from appropriations or other money
27 authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) interest
28 earned on money in the fund; (iii) contributions from private sector entities, including local EMS
29 agencies or non-profits, foundations and other organizations; and (iv) federal grants and other
30 gifts, grants and donations for the establishment and support of emergency medical services.
31 Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to further appropriation and any money
32 remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

33 (d) The commissioner shall make expenditures from the fund including, but not limited
34 to, the following purposes: (i) grants for high schools to cover the costs of CPR equipment and
35 training materials for CPR trainings in high schools pursuant to section 102 of chapter 71; (ii)
36 hosting annual EMS career awareness sessions at high schools; (iii) an EMS ambassador
37 program for visits to high schools to mentor high school students and promote EMS careers; (iv)
38 scholarships for high school students obtaining CPR certification and enrolling in EMS training
39 programs within 1 year of graduation; and (v) tuition credit of up to \$1,000 for students who
40 complete CPR training and enrollment in a community college, state college or public university
41 EMT-Basic program within 1 year of graduation.

42 (e) The department shall annually, not later than December 31, report on the activity of
43 the fund to the: (i) chairs of the joint committee on education; (ii) chairs of the joint committee
44 on public health; (iii) chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means; and (iv) the
45 clerks of the house of representatives and senate.

46 SECTION 2. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
47 section:-

48 Section 102. (a) For the purposes of section, the following words shall, unless the context
49 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

50 “Cardiopulmonary resuscitation” or “CPR”, an emergency procedure consisting of
51 ventilations, or breathing for the victim, and chest compressions.

52 “Department”, the department of elementary and secondary education established in
53 section 1A of chapter 69.

54 “Emergency medical services” or “EMS”, the pre-hospital assessment and treatment and
55 other services utilized in responding to an emergency or provided during the transport of patients
56 to appropriate health care facilities.

57 “Emergency medical technician” or “EMT”, a person who has successfully completed a
58 course in emergency medical care, approved by the department of public health or offered by an
59 accredited course sponsor, and who is certified by the department of public health. The term
60 emergency medical technician shall include EMT–Basic, EMT-Intermediate and EMT–
61 Paramedic.

62 “High school”, part of the public school system that furnishes instruction to grades 9 to
63 12 including vocational and charter schools.

64 (b) The department may establish CPR trainings in high schools for the purposes of: (i)
65 enhancing public safety and strengthening the emergency medical services workforce in the
66 commonwealth; and (ii) incorporating career exploration opportunities in emergency medical
67 services for high school students.

68 (c) High school students in the commonwealth may complete a certified CPR training
69 program as part of the health education curriculum pursuant to section 1L of chapter 69. The
70 CPR training shall include: (i) hands-on practice in chest compressions and the use of automated
71 external defibrillators; and (ii) information about recognizing medical emergencies and calling
72 911.

73 (d) High school students who successfully complete the CPR program shall receive a
74 CPR certification valid for 2 years.

75 (e) High schools may partner with local EMS agencies or non-profits such as the
76 American Heart Association for training support.

77 (f) As part of the CPR training program, high schools may host annual EMS career
78 awareness sessions. The EMS career awareness sessions may include presentations by local
79 EMS professionals, demonstrations of EMS equipment and information on EMT and paramedic
80 career pathways.

81 (g) The department of public health, in collaboration with EMS agencies, shall establish
82 an EMS ambassador program. Ambassadors shall be comprised of EMTs, paramedics and EMS
83 high school students who shall visit high schools to mentor high school students and promote
84 EMS careers.

85 (h) High schools may provide information on local EMT-Basic training programs,
86 including community college, state college, public university and hybrid online options. High
87 school students who express interest in pursuing an EMS career shall be connected with training
88 providers and receive guidance on financial aid options.

89 (i) High school students shall be encouraged to enroll in an EMT-Basic training class at a
90 community college, state college or public university. High schools may partner with local EMS
91 agencies and community colleges, state colleges or public universities to offer training programs
92 during school hours or as an after-school elective.

93 (j) High schools achieving high student CPR certification rates shall be eligible for state
94 recognition awards. Students obtaining CPR certification and enrolling in EMS training
95 programs within 1 year of graduation shall qualify for a \$500 scholarship.

96 (k) High school students who complete CPR training and enroll in a community college,
97 state college or public university EMT-Basic program within 1 year of graduation shall receive a
98 tuition credit of up to \$1,000. Community colleges, state colleges and public universities shall
99 waive the cost of EMT-Basic training for students committing to work with a Massachusetts
100 EMS agency for at least 2 years post-certification.

101 (l) High school students from low income families who enroll in an EMT-Basic training
102 class at a community college, state college or public university pursuant to subsection (i) shall
103 have financial assistance made available to them to cover the costs related to textbooks and
104 training materials.

105 (m) This section shall be funded by the CPR and EMS High School Training Fund
106 established in section 2KKKKKKK of chapter 29.

107 (n) The requirements under this section shall take effect beginning with the 2026-2027
108 academic year.

109 (o) High schools that establish CPR trainings shall submit annual reports at the end of
110 each school year to the department detailing the number of students trained, certification rates
111 and participation in EMS career sessions. The department, in consultation with the department of
112 public health, shall review program outcomes and provide recommendations for improvement.

113 (p) The department shall prepare an annual report, not later than December 31, on the
114 program established in this section that shall include: (i) the number of high school students
115 participating in the program; (ii) high schools participation and utilization of incentives; (iii) data
116 collected from the high schools annual reports pursuant to subsection (o); and (iv) any
117 recommendations for improvements to the program. The annual report shall be submitted to: the

118 chairs of the joint committee on education; the chairs of the joint committee on public health;
119 and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate.

120 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.