

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 556**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carol A. Doherty*

*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 providing CPR and AED Education for All, AKA The CPR and AED Education for All Act.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>

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By Representative Doherty of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 556) of Carol A. Doherty and James K. Hawkins relative to requiring instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation. Education.

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

An Act providing CPR and AED Education for All, AKA The CPR and AED Education for All Act.

*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 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 2C, the following section:-

3 "Section 2D. Each school district in the commonwealth shall provide instruction in  
4 hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as  
5 part of the existing physical education or health education curriculum in grades 9 through 12.  
6 The school district may select a no-cost, non-certification instructional program to meet this  
7 requirement. The instructional program provided shall be modeled from an instructional program  
8 established by a nationally recognized association with expertise in instruction in  
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator and include a  
10 hands-on learning component for each participating student. Each public high school student  
11 shall be required to participate in the instructional program as a requirement for high school  
12 graduation; provided, however, that no student shall be required to take part in the instructional

13 program if (i) a licensed physician certifies in writing that such participation would be injurious  
14 to the student; or (ii) a parent or guardian for the student submits a written objection to the  
15 student's participation in the instructional program."

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on September 1, 2025.