

**SENATE . . . . . No. 447**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 hands only CPR training and the use of defibrillators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>5/29/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>6/12/2025</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 447) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to provide hands only CPR training and the use of defibrillators. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 351 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act providing hands only CPR training and the use of defibrillators.

*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 hands  
4 only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as part of  
5 the existing physical education or health education curriculum in grades 9 through 12. The  
6 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  
8 program 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, 2026.