

SENATE No. 456

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Madeleine Elizabeth Jackman</i>		
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>
<i>Shirley B. Arriaga</i>	<i>8th Hampden</i>	<i>4/9/2025</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>4/16/2025</i>
<i>Dawne Shand</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>7/21/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>7/21/2025</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 456) of Bruce E. Tarr, Madeleine Elizabeth Jackman , Patrick M. O'Connor, Shirley B. Arriaga and others relative to requiring instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 492 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation.

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

1 The second paragraph of section 1L of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, in line 30, after the word
3 “resuscitation” the following:—

4 and the use of automatic external defibrillators. Instruction in cardiopulmonary
5 resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators must be the most current national
6 evidence-based Emergency Cardiovascular Care guidelines and incorporate psychomotor skills
7 development into the instruction. “Psychomotor skills” is defined as the use of hands-on
8 practicing and skills testing to support cognitive learning. A licensed teacher shall not be
9 required to be a certified trainer of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to facilitate, provide or

- 10 oversee such instruction for non-certification. Courses which result in a certification being
- 11 earned are required to be taught by an authorized CPR/AED instructor.