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SENATE BILL NO. 112—SENATORS RATTI AND KIECKHEFEWER

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires a course of study in health provided to pupils in certain grade levels in public schools to include certain information on organ and tissue donation. (BDR 34-516)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION—Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; requiring a course of study in health prescribed for pupils enrolled in middle school, junior high school or high school to include certain information on organ and tissue donation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt regulations establishing a course of study in health for pupils enrolled in middle school, junior high school or high school, including pupils enrolled in those grade levels at a charter school, that includes, to the extent money is available, instruction in hands-only or compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator. (NRS 389.018, 389.021) This bill requires that such a course of study in health include instruction in organ and tissue donation, including, without limitation: (1) how to register as a donor and the rules governing donor gifts in this State, pursuant to the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act; (2) the societal and individual benefits of organ and tissue donation; and (3) facts about organ and tissue donation.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 389.021 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The State Board shall adopt regulations establishing courses of study and the grade levels for which the courses of study apply for:
(a) The academic subjects set forth in NRS 389.018. A course of study in health prescribed pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 3 of NRS 389.018 must, to the extent money is available for this purpose, for pupils enrolled in middle school, junior high school or high school, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in those grade levels at a charter school, include instruction in:

1. To the extent money is available for this purpose:
   (1) The administration of hands-only or compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including a psychomotor skill-based component, according to the guidelines of the American Red Cross or American Heart Association; and
   (2) The use of an automated external defibrillator.

2. Organ and tissue donation, including, without limitation:
   (I) How to register as a donor and the rules governing donor gifts in this State pursuant to NRS 451.500 to 451.598, inclusive;
   (II) The societal and individual benefits of organ and tissue donation; and
   (III) Facts about organ and tissue donation.

(b) Citizenship and physical training for pupils enrolled in high school.

(c) Physiology, hygiene and, except as otherwise prescribed by paragraph (a), cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(d) The prevention of suicide.

(e) Instruction relating to child abuse.

(f) The economics of the American system of free enterprise.

(g) American Sign Language.

(h) Environmental education.

(i) Adult roles and responsibilities.

A course of study established for paragraph (a) may include one or more of the subjects listed in paragraphs (b) to (i), inclusive.

2. If a course of study in health in middle school, junior high school or high school includes instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator:

(a) A teacher who provides the instruction is not required to hold certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation unless required by the board of trustees of the school district pursuant to NRS 391.092 or by the governing body of the charter school.

(b) The board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the charter school may collaborate with entities to assist in the provision of the instruction and the provision of equipment necessary for the instruction, including, without limitation, fire
departments, hospitals, colleges and universities and public health agencies.

(c) A pupil who is enrolled in a course of study in health through a program of distance education or a pupil with a disability who cannot perform the tasks included in the instruction is not required to complete the instruction to pass the course of study in health.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.