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## **REQUIRE CPR FOR TEACHING CERTIFICATE**

**House Bill 4237**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Sal Rocca**  
**Committee: Education**

**Complete to 1-24-02**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4237 AS INTRODUCED 2-14-01**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require new teachers to hold a valid certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Beginning July 1, 2001, the superintendent of public instruction could not issue an initial teaching certificate to a person unless he or she presented satisfactory evidence of holding a valid certification in CPR, and had successfully completed instruction approved by the Department of Education in foreign body airway obstruction management. The certificate could be issued by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or a comparable organization or institution approved by the department. Alternatively, a person could provide satisfactory evidence that he or she had physical limitations making such a certification impracticable.

A teacher who met these requirements and who, in the course of employment, performed CPR on another person or who attempted to remove airway obstructions would not be liable in a civil action for damages, unless an act or omission constituted gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

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