

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2014

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### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Introduced by: Senators Rave, Bradford, Brown, Ewing, Frerichs, Holien, Hunhoff (Jean), Jones (Tom), Kirkeby, Lederman, Lucas, Maher, Novstrup (Al), Omdahl, Otten (Ernie), Rhoden, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, Welke, and White and Representatives Munsterman, Anderson, Cammack, Campbell, Cronin, Ecklund, Gibson, Hajek, Hawks, Hawley, Heinemann (Leslie), Hunhoff (Bernie), Kirschman, Kopp, Lust, Magstadt, Olson (Betty), Rasmussen, Romkema, Sly, Solum, Wick, and Wink

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing support for all South Dakota high school  
2 students learning and practicing the basic skills of hands-only Cardio Pulmonary  
3 Resuscitation (CPR) prior to graduation.

4 WHEREAS, eighty-nine percent of people who suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest die  
5 because they do not receive immediate CPR from someone on the scene; and

6 WHEREAS, irreversible brain damage occurs after only three minutes of being deprived of  
7 oxygen, and irreversible heart damage occurs within twenty minutes of being deprived of  
8 oxygen; and

9 WHEREAS, the average response time between a 911 call received and an Emergency  
10 Medical Service (EMS) arrival in South Dakota is ten minutes; and

11 WHEREAS, eighty-eight percent of cardiac arrests actually occur at home, making it most  
12 likely that a person who needs to give CPR will be attempting to save the life of a loved one;



1 and

2 WHEREAS, hands-only CPR can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival; and

3 WHEREAS, learning hands-only CPR can take as little as twenty minutes. In less time than  
4 it takes to watch a television sitcom, a teacher can give students the skills they need to save  
5 someone's life by giving CPR; and

6 WHEREAS, including CPR as a skill taught to all South Dakota high school students would  
7 train an average of eleven thousand students per year; and

8 WHEREAS, many of these students are located in very rural communities and homes which  
9 have much longer EMS wait times than the state average of ten minutes; and

10 WHEREAS, South Dakota has only one hundred twenty-three ambulance services in the  
11 state with some rural services ready to close their doors due to lack of personnel to cover calls,  
12 little money to pay people to be on call, and a shrinking age-appropriate work force available  
13 to even show up for training or calls in their communities; and

14 WHEREAS, ninety-nine South Dakota EMS services are listed as Basic Life Support only  
15 and twenty-five are listed as Advanced Life Support:

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-Ninth Legislature  
17 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the  
18 Legislature supports CPR becoming a basic skill that is taught in a required course in high  
19 school: and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature encourages school districts to  
21 incorporate hands-only CPR training throughout South Dakota.