SYNOPSIS: Currently, certified instructors teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes in schools.

This bill would allow CPR instructors to become certified by organizations similar to the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend Section 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes taught in schools; to provide further for the organizations from which persons may become certified for classroom instruction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§16-40-8.
(a) Effective upon the effective dates of this section, all students enrolled in health classes in the tenth grade in the public schools of Alabama shall receive instruction in the techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, hereinafter referred to as "CPR."

(b) The State Department of Education shall administer the CPR instruction program and be responsible for the training of personnel, and shall provide proper CPR training for teacher personnel from September 1, 1983, to be completed by September 1, 1984.

(1) CPR training programs for instructors shall continue after this period of time to provide for refresher courses and updating of new techniques and information. Specific personnel within local school districts are required to receive training and be certified prior to providing classroom instruction.

(2) In those school systems which have trained and certified personnel available, classroom instruction shall begin as of September 1, 1983. Teaching materials and training courses provided by the American Heart Association and similar organizations may be utilized.

(c) All persons providing instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be certified as CPR instructors by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross, and similar approved certifying organizations.

(d) Standards utilized in the instruction of CPR shall be those prescribed by the American Heart Association.
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Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.