

HB23-023

# CPR Training in High Schools

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**ASSIGNED COMMITTEE: Education**

**THE ISSUE:**

Globally, cardiac arrest claims more lives than colorectal cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, influenza, pneumonia, auto accidents, HIV, firearms, and house fires combined. With Colorado being among the fastest growing state, having a generation that has the skills to save fellow Coloradans is important for the public's health.

**THE BILL:**

SB23-023 does not require an appropriation to the General Fund, rather the bill will include the CPR and AED instruction program in the fund stream for Colorado Comprehensive Health Education Program, which is fully funded. The money needed for this program will be allocated by the State Board of Education to the school districts applying for CPR instruction.

**BYSTANDER CPR IMPROVES SURVIVAL:**

The 2023 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics state that among the over 356,000 OHCA that occurred, 40.2% received bystander CPR. If performed immediately, CPR can double or triple the chance of survival from an out of hospital cardiac arrest.

Staff, America Counts. "Colorado among Fastest-Growing States Last Decade." *Census.gov*, 2 Aug. 2022, <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/state-by-state/colorado-population-change-between-census-decade.html>.

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