



Alaska State Legislature

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Current Version: SB 4
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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 4

Short Title: REQUIRE CPR FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Summary:

- Makes certification in basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation a requirement for high school graduation, and directs school districts to provide such training.

Benefits:

- Aids in sustaining the life of a victim until a professional emergency technician can respond.
- Promotes a well-prepared populace in the event of a terrorist attack or natural disaster.
- Prepares students to respond appropriately in situations they are likely to encounter in after-school jobs such as babysitting.

Background:

- SB 4 was introduced in response to last year's tragic murder of Eric Kalenka, who bled to death after being stabbed in the leg following a fender-bender in the drive-through lane of a Taco Bell. Kalenka's death could have been prevented had his companion or witnesses to the accident been trained in basic first aid.