

## The Colleen-O'Sullivan Law



### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

#### **House Bill 5114 Passes Illinois General Assembly**

*CPR/AED Video to be shown to all 6th through 8th grade students.*

CHICAGO, May 23, 2012 - All students enrolled in grades 6 through 8 in the public schools shall watch a training video on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED). The training video would be provided to schools at no cost, and the requirement does not apply if the school district is charged a fee for the video.

Lynne Donegan from The Colleen O'Sullivan Law, Dr. George Chiampas from the CCARES Foundation, and Representative Daniel J. Burke collaborated in an effort to educate all children in 6-8th grade about the importance of CPR/AED training. Their hard work paid off, and lays the groundwork for future legislation in Illinois and across America for future heartsavers!

Donegan represents the family of the Colleen O'Sullivan law. Colleen, a Tinley Park native, was a healthcare attorney, who died of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) while working out in a health club. No CPR was performed, nor was an AED present. Dr. George Chiampas is an ER/Sports Physician from Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Medical Director of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. He also heads the CCARES Foundation (Chicago Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation Education Service) [www.ccaresfoundation.org](http://www.ccaresfoundation.org) and has a similar story as Donegan, with a close relative of his. Rep. Daniel J. Burke is a senior statesman in the Illinois House of Representatives, and has worked on legislation regarding AEDs since reading an article about it 15 years ago. These three met by chance, and now their partnership has become a formidable and respected force in the healthcare community.

COS Health is an organization dedicated to all things heart health related, more particularly CPR and AED education, lobbying and professional speaking

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