

By Senator Altman

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation
3 training in public schools; amending s. 1003.453,
4 F.S.; requiring school districts to provide training
5 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to students at least
6 one time before they graduate from high school;
7 requiring students to study and practice the
8 psychomotor skills associated with performing
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation before graduating from
10 high school; providing an exception for students who
11 have a disability under the Enhanced New Needed
12 Opportunity for Better Life and Education for Students
13 with Disabilities Act; making a technical change;
14 providing an effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1003.453, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended and redesignated as subsection (5), and a
20 new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

21 1003.453 School wellness and physical education policies;
22 nutrition guidelines.—

23 (4) As part of the physical education curriculum or any
24 other required curriculum that a school may designate, each
25 school shall provide training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
26 (CPR) which is based on an instructional program established by
27 the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or
28 another nationally recognized program that uses the most current
29 evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines and

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30 incorporates the development of psychomotor skills into the
31 program. Students shall study and practice at least once before
32 graduating from high school the psychomotor skills associated
33 with performing CPR. Psychomotor skills are learned through
34 hands-on practice that supports cognitive learning. This
35 subsection does not apply to a student with a disability as
36 defined in s. 1007.02.

37 (5)-(4) School districts are encouraged to provide basic
38 training in first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation
39 (CPR), for all students, beginning in grade 6 and every 2 years
40 thereafter. Private and public partnerships for providing
41 training or necessary funding are encouraged.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.