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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to first aid for severe bleeding;  
3       amending s. 768.1326, F.S.; requiring the State  
4       Surgeon General to adopt guidelines for the placement  
5       of bleeding control kits in state buildings; providing  
6       requirements for such guidelines and the placement of  
7       such kits in state buildings; amending s. 1001.42,  
8       F.S.; requiring district school boards to provide a  
9       bleeding control kit in every school within the school  
10      district; providing requirements for such kits;  
11      creating s. 1003.457, F.S.; requiring school districts  
12      to provide instruction for all students in first aid  
13      for severe bleeding; requiring students to study and  
14      practice skills associated with first aid for severe  
15      bleeding at least once before graduating from high  
16      school; requiring that the instruction be a part of a  
17      required curriculum and be based on certain programs;  
18      providing an exemption; creating s. 1012.5841, F.S.;  
19      requiring the Department of Education to develop a  
20      list of approved first aid for severe bleeding  
21      instructional programs for certain instructional  
22      personnel by a specified date; providing requirements  
23      for such list; requiring the department to incorporate  
24      such training programs into existing continuing  
25      education or inservice training for such personnel by  
26      a specified school year; prohibiting such requirements  
27      from adding to the total hours required for such  
28      education and training; authorizing the State Board of  
29      Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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31 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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33 Section 1. Section 768.1326, Florida Statutes, is amended  
34 to read:

35 768.1326 Placement of automated external defibrillator  
36 devices and bleeding control kits ~~defibrillators~~ in state  
37 buildings; rulemaking authority.—The State Surgeon General shall  
38 adopt rules to establish guidelines on the appropriate placement  
39 of automated external defibrillator devices and bleeding control  
40 kits in buildings or portions of buildings owned or leased by  
41 the state, and shall establish, by rule, recommendations on  
42 procedures for the deployment of automated external  
43 defibrillator devices and bleeding control kits in such  
44 buildings in accordance with the guidelines. The Secretary of  
45 Management Services shall assist the State Surgeon General in  
46 the development of the guidelines. The guidelines for the  
47 placement of the automated external defibrillator devices and  
48 bleeding control kits ~~defibrillators~~ shall take into account the  
49 typical number of employees and visitors in the buildings, the  
50 extent of the need for security measures regarding the  
51 buildings, special circumstances in buildings or portions of  
52 buildings such as high electrical voltages or extreme heat or  
53 cold, and such other factors as the State Surgeon General and  
54 Secretary of Management Services determine to be appropriate.  
55 The State Surgeon General's recommendations for deployment of  
56 automated external defibrillator devices and bleeding control  
57 kits ~~defibrillators~~ in buildings or portions of buildings owned  
58 or leased by the state shall include:

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59 (1) A reference list of appropriate training courses in the  
60 use of such devices and kits, including the role of  
61 cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

62 (2) The extent to which such devices and kits may be used  
63 by laypersons;

64 (3) Manufacturer recommended maintenance and testing of the  
65 devices and, if appropriate, kits; and

66 (4) Coordination with local emergency medical services  
67 systems regarding the incidents of use of the devices and kits.

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69 In formulating these guidelines and recommendations, the State  
70 Surgeon General may consult with all appropriate public and  
71 private entities, including national and local public health  
72 organizations that seek to improve the survival rates of  
73 individuals who experience cardiac arrest or injuries that would  
74 require a bleeding control kit.

75 Section 2. Present subsection (28) of section 1001.42,  
76 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (29), and a new  
77 subsection (28) is added to that section, to read:

78 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The  
79 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all  
80 powers and perform all duties listed below:

81 (28) BLEEDING CONTROL KITS.—Provide at least one bleeding  
82 control kit in every school within the school district. The  
83 bleeding control kit must include, at a minimum, a tourniquet,  
84 trauma dressings, gauze, two pairs of nitrile gloves, trauma  
85 shears, and instructions.

86 Section 3. Section 1003.457, Florida Statutes, is created  
87 to read:

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88 1003.457 Instruction in first aid for severe bleeding.-

89 (1) Each school district shall provide instruction for all  
90 students in first aid for severe bleeding. The students shall  
91 study and practice the skills associated with first aid for  
92 severe bleeding at least once before graduating from high  
93 school. The instruction must be a part of the physical education  
94 curriculum or another required curriculum selected by the school  
95 district.

96 (2) The required instruction must be based on an  
97 instructional program established by the American Red Cross or  
98 another nationally recognized program that uses the most current  
99 evidence-based emergency care guidelines.

100 (3) A student with a disability, as defined in s. 1007.02,  
101 is exempt from the requirements of this section.

102 Section 4. Section 1012.5841, Florida Statutes, is created  
103 to read:

104 1012.5841 Continuing education and inservice training for  
105 first aid for severe bleeding.-

106 (1) By July 1, 2022, the Department of Education shall  
107 develop a list of approved first aid for severe bleeding  
108 instructional programs for instructional personnel in elementary  
109 school, middle school, and high school. The approved list must  
110 include instructional programs established by the American Red  
111 Cross or another nationally recognized program that uses the  
112 most current evidence-based emergency care guidelines.

113 (2) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the  
114 Department of Education shall incorporate the first aid for  
115 severe bleeding instructional programs into existing  
116 requirements for the continuing education or inservice training

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117 of instructional personnel. The requirements of this section may  
118 not add to the total hours required for continuing education or  
119 inservice training as currently established by the department.

120 (3) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
121 implement this section.

122 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.