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Senator Simon moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Rafe Maccarone Act."

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1003.453, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(3) School districts shall ~~are encouraged to~~ provide basic



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training in first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation,  
once in middle school in a physical education or health class  
and once in high school in a physical education or health class.  
Instruction in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation must:

(a) Allow students to practice the psychomotor skills  
associated with performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

(b) Include the use of an automated external defibrillator  
~~for all students in grade 6 and grade 8. School districts are  
required to provide basic training in first aid, including  
cardiopulmonary resuscitation, for all students in grade 9 and  
grade 11. Instruction in the use of cardiopulmonary  
resuscitation must be based on a one-hour, nationally recognized  
program that uses the most current evidence-based emergency  
cardiovascular care guidelines. The instruction must allow  
students to practice the psychomotor skills associated with  
performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use an automated  
external defibrillator when a school district has the equipment  
necessary to perform the instruction. Private and public  
partnerships for providing training or necessary funding are  
encouraged.~~

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

1003.457 Cardiac emergencies and automated external  
defibrillators on school grounds.—

(1) Each public school shall develop a cardiac emergency  
response plan (CERP) that addresses the appropriate use of  
school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual  
experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening  
emergency while on school grounds. Each CERP must integrate



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evidence-based core elements.

(2) School officials shall work directly with local emergency service providers to integrate the CERP into the community's emergency responder protocols.

(3) (a) No later than July 1, 2027, each public school, including charter schools, shall have at least one operational automated external defibrillator on school grounds. The defibrillator must be available in a clearly marked and publicized location. Schools shall maintain the defibrillator according to the manufacturer's recommendations and maintain all verification records for such defibrillators.

(b) Appropriate school staff must be trained in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and defibrillator use.

(c) The location of each defibrillator must be registered with a local emergency medical services medical director.

(d) The use of defibrillators by school employees and volunteers is covered under ss. 768.13 and 768.1325.

(4) Compliance with the requirements of s. 1006.165 does not constitute compliance with this section.

(5) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause  
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to cardiac emergencies; providing a



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short title; amending s. 1003.453, F.S.; revising requirements for instruction on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator; creating s. 1003.457, F.S.; requiring each public school to develop a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP); requiring school officials to work with local emergency service providers to integrate the CERP into emergency responder protocols; requiring public schools, including charter schools, to have at least one operational automated external defibrillator on school grounds by a specified date; providing requirements for the placement and maintenance of the defibrillators; requiring that certain school staff receive specified training; providing immunity from liability for school employees and volunteers under the Good Samaritan Act and the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act; providing construction; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.