

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to cardiac emergencies; amending s.  
3           1003.453, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing,  
4           school districts to provide training in basic first  
5           aid to certain students; providing requirements for  
6           such training; creating s. 1003.457, F.S.; requiring  
7           each public school to develop a plan for urgent life-  
8           saving emergencies (PULSE) for specified purposes;  
9           requiring school officials to work with local  
10          emergency service providers to integrate the PULSE  
11          into emergency responder protocols; requiring public  
12          schools, including charter schools, to have at least  
13          one operational automated external defibrillator on  
14          school grounds by a specified date; providing  
15          requirements for the placement and maintenance of the  
16          defibrillators; providing construction; requiring that  
17          certain school staff receive specified training;  
18          providing registration requirements for the location  
19          of the defibrillators; providing immunity from  
20          liability for school employees and volunteers under  
21          the Good Samaritan Act and the Cardiac Arrest Survival  
22          Act; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt  
23          rules; providing an effective date.

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

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**Section 1. 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 must ~~are encouraged to~~ provide basic 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~~

51 encouraged.

52 **Section 2. Section 1003.457, Florida Statutes, is created**  
53 **to read:**

54 1003.457 Cardiac emergencies and automated external  
55 defibrillators on school grounds.—

56 (1) Each public school shall develop a plan for urgent  
57 life-saving emergencies (PULSE) that addresses the appropriate  
58 use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an  
59 individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-  
60 threatening emergency while on school grounds. Each PULSE must  
61 integrate evidence-based core elements and consider those  
62 elements recommended by the American Heart Association for  
63 schools responding to cardiac emergencies.

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

67 (3) (a) No later than July 1, 2027, each public school,  
68 including charter schools, must have at least one operational  
69 automated external defibrillator on school grounds. The  
70 defibrillator must be available in a clearly marked and  
71 publicized location. Schools must maintain the defibrillator  
72 according to the manufacturer's recommendations and maintain all  
73 verification records for such defibrillators. Compliance with  
74 the requirements of s. 1006.165 does not constitute compliance  
75 with this section.

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

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

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

82        (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
 83        administer this section.

84        **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.