

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 requirements for such rules;  
24      providing an effective date.

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

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~~

51 ~~partnerships for providing training or necessary funding are~~  
52 ~~encouraged.~~

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

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

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

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

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

76 with this section.

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

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

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

83 (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
84 administer this section, which must include mandatory automated  
85 external defibrillator training within the first 10 days of the  
86 start of a school year for all school site personnel.

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