

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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27 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 1003.453, Florida
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 1003.453 School wellness and physical education policies;
30 nutrition guidelines.—

31 (3) School districts must ~~are encouraged to~~ provide basic
32 training in first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation,
33 once in middle school in a physical education or health class
34 and once in high school in a physical education or health class.

35 Instruction in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation must:

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

38 (b) Include the use of an automated external defibrillator
39 ~~for all students in grade 6 and grade 8. School districts are~~
40 ~~required to provide basic training in first aid, including~~
41 ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation, for all students in grade 9 and~~
42 ~~grade 11. Instruction in the use of cardiopulmonary~~
43 ~~resuscitation must be based on a one-hour, nationally recognized~~
44 ~~program that uses the most current evidence-based emergency~~
45 ~~cardiovascular care guidelines. The instruction must allow~~
46 ~~students to practice the psychomotor skills associated with~~
47 ~~performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use an automated~~
48 ~~external defibrillator when a school district has the equipment~~
49 ~~necessary to perform the instruction. Private and public~~
50 ~~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.