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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~~

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~~encouraged.~~

Section 2. 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 plan for urgent life-saving emergencies (PULSE) 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 PULSE must integrate evidence-based core elements and consider those elements recommended by the American Heart Association for schools responding to cardiac emergencies.

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

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

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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.