

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/17/2025 House

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Simon) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

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

9 (3) School districts <u>must</u> are encouraged to provide basic 10 training in first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation,

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11 once in middle school in a physical education or health class 12 and once in high school in a physical education or health class. 13 Instruction in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation must: 14 (a) Allow students to practice the psychomotor skills 15 associated with performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and 16 (b) Include the use of an automated external defibrillator for all students in grade 6 and grade 8. School districts are 17 required to provide basic training in first aid, including 18 19 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, for all students in grade 9 and 20 grade 11. Instruction in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation must be based on a one-hour, nationally recognized 21 22 program that uses the most current evidence-based emergency 23 cardiovascular care quidelines. The instruction must allow 24 students to practice the psychomotor skills associated with 25 performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use an automated 26 external defibrillator when a school district has the equipment 27 necessary to perform the instruction. Private and public partnerships for providing training or necessary funding are 28 29 encouraged. 30 Section 2. Section 1003.457, Florida Statutes, is created 31 to read: 32 1003.457 Cardiac emergencies and automated external 33 defibrillators on school grounds.-34 (1) Each public school shall develop a cardiac emergency 35 response plan (CERP) that addresses the appropriate use of 36 school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening 37 38 emergency while on school grounds. Each CERP must integrate 39 evidence-based core elements.

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40	(2) School officials shall work directly with local
41	emergency service providers to integrate the CERP into the
42	community's emergency responder protocols.
43	(3)(a) No later than July 1, 2027, each public school,
44	including charter schools, must have at least one operational
45	automated external defibrillator on school grounds. The
46	defibrillator must be available in a clearly marked and
47	publicized location. Schools must maintain the defibrillator
48	according to the manufacturer's recommendations and maintain all
49	verification records for such defibrillators.
50	(b) Appropriate school staff must be trained in first aid,
51	cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and defibrillator use.
52	(c) The location of each defibrillator must be registered
53	with a local emergency medical services medical director.
54	(d) The use of defibrillators by school employees and
55	volunteers is covered under ss. 768.13 and 768.1325.
56	(3) Compliance with the requirements of s. 1006.165 does
57	not constitute compliance with this section.
58	(4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
59	administer this section.
60	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.
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63	And the title is amended as follows:
64	Delete everything before the enacting clause
65	and insert:
66	A bill to be entitled
67	An act relating to cardiac emergencies; amending s.
68	1003.453, F.S.; revising requirements for instruction
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69 on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an 70 automated external defibrillator; creating s. 71 1003.457, F.S.; requiring each public school to 72 develop a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP); 73 requiring school officials to work with local 74 emergency service providers to integrate the CERP into 75 emergency responder protocols; requiring public 76 schools, including charter schools, to have at least 77 one operational automated external defibrillator on school grounds by a specified date; providing 78 79 requirements for the placement and maintenance of the 80 defibrillators; requiring that certain school staff receive specified training as determined by the CERP; 81 82 providing immunity from liability for school employees 83 and volunteers under the Good Samaritan Act and the 84 Cardiac Arrest Survival Act; providing construction; 85 requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; 86 providing an effective date.