

By Senator Simon

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to automated external defibrillators
3 on school grounds; providing a short title; creating
4 s. 1003.457, F.S.; requiring public schools, including
5 charter schools, to have at least one operational
6 automated external defibrillator on school grounds by
7 a specified date; providing requirements for the
8 placement and maintenance of the defibrillators;
9 providing immunity from liability for school employees
10 and volunteers under the Good Samaritan Act and the
11 Cardiac Arrest Survival Act; requiring school
12 districts and charter schools to annually report
13 specified information to the Commissioner of
14 Education; subject to appropriation, authorizing the
15 Department of Education to reimburse school districts
16 and charter schools for a portion of specified
17 purchases; requiring the State Board of Education to
18 adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Kickstart My Heart
23 Act."

24 Section 2. Section 1003.457, Florida Statutes, is created
25 to read:

26 1003.457 Automated external defibrillators on school
27 grounds.-

28 (1) (a) No later than July 1, 2027, each public school,
29 including charter schools, must have at least one operational

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30 automated external defibrillator on school grounds. The
31 defibrillator must be available in a clearly marked and
32 publicized location. Schools must maintain the defibrillator
33 according to the manufacturer's recommendations and maintain all
34 verification records for such defibrillator.

35 (b) The location of each defibrillator must be registered
36 with a local emergency medical services medical director.

37 (c) The use of defibrillators by school employees and
38 volunteers is covered under ss. 768.13 and 768.1325.

39 (2) Annually, beginning June 30, 2028, each school district
40 and charter school must report to the Commissioner of Education
41 the number of instances a defibrillator was used on school
42 grounds and the survival rate of individuals experiencing
43 cardiac arrest.

44 (3) Compliance with the requirements of s. 1006.165 does
45 not constitute compliance with this section.

46 (4) Subject to an appropriation, the department may
47 reimburse each school district and charter school up to 50
48 percent of the total automated external defibrillator purchase
49 price.

50 (5) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
51 administer this section.

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