

**By** the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senators Simon and Burgess

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to cardiac emergencies; amending s.  
3       1003.453, F.S.; revising requirements for instruction  
4       on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an  
5       automated external defibrillator; creating s.  
6       1003.457, F.S.; requiring each public school to  
7       develop a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP);  
8       requiring school officials to work with local  
9       emergency service providers to integrate the CERP into  
10      emergency responder protocols; requiring public  
11      schools, including charter schools, to have at least  
12      one operational automated external defibrillator on  
13      school grounds by a specified date; providing  
14      requirements for the placement and maintenance of the  
15      defibrillators; requiring that certain school staff  
16      receive specified training as determined by the CERP;  
17      providing immunity from liability for school employees  
18      and volunteers under the Good Samaritan Act and the  
19      Cardiac Arrest Survival Act; providing construction;  
20      requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules;  
21      providing an effective date.

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

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

27       1003.453 School wellness and physical education policies;  
28 nutrition guidelines.—

29       (3) School districts must ~~are encouraged to~~ provide basic

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30 training in first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation,  
31 once in middle school in a physical education or health class  
32 and once in high school in a physical education or health class.

33 Instruction in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation must:

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

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

50 Section 2. Section 1003.457, Florida Statutes, is created  
51 to read:

52 1003.457 Cardiac emergencies and automated external  
53 defibrillators on school grounds.—

54 (1) Each public school shall develop a cardiac emergency  
55 response plan (CERP) that addresses the appropriate use of  
56 school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual  
57 experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening  
58 emergency while on school grounds. Each CERP must integrate

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59 evidence-based core elements.

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

63 (3) (a) No later than July 1, 2027, each public school,  
64 including charter schools, must have at least one operational  
65 automated external defibrillator on school grounds. The  
66 defibrillator must be available in a clearly marked and  
67 publicized location. Schools must maintain the defibrillator  
68 according to the manufacturer's recommendations and maintain all  
69 verification records for such defibrillators.

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

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

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

76 (4) Compliance with the requirements of s. 1006.165 does  
77 not constitute compliance with this section.

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

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