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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to bleeding control kits in K-12 schools; amending s. 1003.457, F.S.; requiring responses to severe bleeding incidents on school grounds to be included in each public school's plan for urgent life-saving emergencies; requiring public schools to have bleeding control kits on school grounds by a specified date; requiring the Department of Education to establish guidelines for determining the required number of kits for each school; requiring certain staff to receive training relating to such kits; requiring the kits and the use of such kits to be included in certain drills; requiring the kits to be restocked under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1003.457, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), subsection (1) is amended, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

1003.457 Cardiac emergencies, and automated external defibrillators, and bleeding control kits on school grounds.—

(1) Each public school shall develop a plan for urgent

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26 life-saving emergencies (PULSE) that addresses the appropriate
27 use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an
28 individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, severe bleeding,
29 or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds.
30 Each PULSE must integrate evidence-based core elements and
31 consider those elements recommended by the American Heart
32 Association for schools responding to cardiac emergencies.

33 (4) (a) No later than July 1, 2028, each public school,
34 including charter schools, must have bleeding control kits on
35 school grounds. Each bleeding control kit must be available in a
36 clearly marked and publicized location. Schools must maintain
37 the bleeding control kits according to the manufacturer's
38 recommendations. The Department of Education shall establish
39 guidelines for determining the number of bleeding control kits
40 each school is required to have pursuant to this subsection.

41 (b) Appropriate staff, as determined by the department,
42 must receive training in the use of bleeding control kits.

43 (c) Bleeding control kits and the use of such kits must be
44 integrated into the appropriate emergency drills under s.
45 1006.07(4).

46 (d) Upon the use of a bleeding control kit, the kit must
47 be restocked and used items must be replaced.

48 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.