

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation in  
3 public schools; creating s. 1003.457, F.S.; requiring  
4 school districts to provide instruction in  
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an  
6 automated external defibrillator; requiring students  
7 to study and practice psychomotor skills associated  
8 with CPR at least once before graduating from high  
9 school; requiring the instruction to be a part of a  
10 required curriculum; providing instruction to be based  
11 on certain programs; providing an exemption; amending  
12 s. 1003.453, F.S.; revising provisions relating to  
13 first aid training, to conform; providing an effective  
14 date.

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

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18 Section 1. Section 1003.457, Florida Statutes, is created  
19 to read:

20 1003.457 Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.—

21 (1) Each school district shall provide instruction in  
22 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated  
23 external defibrillator. Students shall study and practice the  
24 psychomotor skills associated with performing CPR at least once  
25 before graduating from high school. The instruction shall be a

26 | part of the physical education curriculum or another required  
 27 | curriculum selected by the school district.

28 | (2) The instruction shall be based on an instructional  
 29 | program established by:

30 | (a) The American Heart Association;

31 | (b) The American Red Cross; or

32 | (c) Another nationally recognized program that uses the  
 33 | most current evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care  
 34 | guidelines.

35 | (3) A student with a disability, as defined in s. 1007.02,  
 36 | is exempt from the requirements of this section.

37 | Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1003.453, Florida  
 38 | Statutes, is amended to read:

39 | 1003.453 School wellness and physical education policies;  
 40 | nutrition guidelines.—

41 | (3) School districts are encouraged to provide basic  
 42 | training in first aid, ~~including cardiopulmonary resuscitation,~~  
 43 | for all students, beginning in grade 6 and every 2 years  
 44 | thereafter. Private and public partnerships for providing  
 45 | training or necessary funding are encouraged.

46 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.