

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
 3           education for athletic coaches; amending ss. 943.0438  
 4           and 1006.20, F.S.; requiring independent sanctioning  
 5           authorities and the Florida High School Athletic  
 6           Association to adopt guidelines to educate certain  
 7           persons on first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
 8           procedures; requiring athletic coaches to hold a  
 9           current certificate of successful completion of a  
 10          course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; amending ss.  
 11          1006.165 and 1012.55, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
 12          changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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 16           Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
 17   943.0438, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is  
 18   added to that subsection, to read:

19           943.0438 Athletic coaches for independent sanctioning  
 20   authorities.—

21           (2) An independent sanctioning authority shall:

22           (e) Adopt guidelines to educate athletic coaches,  
 23   officials, administrators, and youth athletes and their parents  
 24   or guardians of:

25           1. The nature and risk of concussion and head injury.

26           2. First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)  
 27 procedures.

28           (h) Adopt bylaws or polices that require an athletic coach  
 29 to hold a current certificate of successful course completion in  
 30 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

31           Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
 32 1006.165, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

33           1006.165 Well-being of students participating in  
 34 extracurricular activities; training.-

35           (1)

36           (b) ~~Beginning June 1, 2021,~~ A school employee, an athletic  
 37 coach, or a volunteer with current training in cardiopulmonary  
 38 resuscitation and use of a defibrillator must be present at each  
 39 athletic event during and outside of the school year, including  
 40 athletic contests, practices, workouts, and conditioning  
 41 sessions. The training must include completion of a course in  
 42 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or a basic first aid course that  
 43 includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, and  
 44 demonstrated proficiency in the use of a defibrillator. Each  
 45 employee, coach, or volunteer who is reasonably expected to use  
 46 a defibrillator must complete this training.

47           Section 3. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section  
 48 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (n) is  
 49 added to that subsection, to read:

50           1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.-

51 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, POLICIES, OR GUIDELINES.—

52 (j) The FHSAA shall adopt guidelines to educate athletic  
53 coaches, officials, administrators, and student athletes and  
54 their parents or guardians of:

55 1. The nature and risk of concussion and head injury.

56 2. First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)  
57 procedures.

58 (n) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws or polices that require  
59 an athletic coach to hold a current certificate of successful  
60 course completion in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

61 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
62 1012.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

64 (2)

65 (b) Completion of a sports safety course shall count for 6  
66 hours of required school district inservice instruction for  
67 athletic coaching certification if the course is approved by the  
68 Florida High School Athletic Association Board of Directors and  
69 meets the following requirements:

70 1. The course consists of at least eight modules.

71 2. The course immediately provides an individual with a  
72 "merit" certificate at the time of successful completion.

73 3. The course is delivered through hands-on and online  
74 teaching methods.

75 4. The course is a hands-on course taught by either a

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76 state-licensed athletic trainer who holds a current certificate  
77 from the Board of Certification or a member of the American  
78 Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

79 5. Hands-on course material is less than 120 pages.

80 6. The course covers sports safety specifically, including  
81 procedures for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), but  
82 ~~excluding coaching principles and procedures for cardiopulmonary~~  
83 ~~resuscitation.~~

84 7. The course is authored or approved by at least 10  
85 health care professionals, including doctors of medicine,  
86 doctors of osteopathy, registered nurses, physical therapists,  
87 and certified athletic trainers.

88 8. The course is revised and reviewed for updates at least  
89 once every 30 months.

90 9. The course is available to the general public for a  
91 retail price under \$50.

92 10. Each course examination is automated and taken online  
93 with a score of 80 percent or better for successful completion.

94 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.