

CHAPTER 2024-33

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 865

An act relating to youth athletic activities; amending s. 1012.55, F.S.; revising the requirements for certain athletic coaches to include certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and the use of an automatic external defibrillator; providing requirements for such certification; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 1012.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

(2)(a)1. Each person who is employed and renders service as an athletic coach in any public school in any district of this state shall:

a. Hold a valid temporary or professional certificate or an athletic coaching certificate. The athletic coaching certificate may be used for either part-time or full-time positions.

b. Hold and maintain a certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and the use of an automatic external defibrillator. The certification must be consistent with national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines.

2. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any athletic coach who voluntarily renders service and who is not employed by any public school district of this state.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 2024.

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