

**AMENDMENT 1:**

**RECOMMENDATION 3: EXPANDED FIRST AID TRAINING REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING TRAINING IN USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND BLEEDING CONTROL AND FIRST AID TRAINING OFFERED TO ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.**

The Committee recommends that the General Assembly enact legislation requiring instruction on first aid and emergency care be expanded through twelfth grade, and that additional education be offered to students as part of first aid and emergency care instruction on use of an automated external defibrillator, when equipment is available, and training on the immediate response to bleeding, how to recognize life threatening bleeding, and appropriate ways to stop the bleeding for immediate responders in trauma situations. The Committee also recommends that first aid training be offered to all school employees. The recommendations of the Committee are presented specifically in the attached draft legislation 2019-TCz-3A.

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BILL DRAFT 2019-TCz-3A [v.2]

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Short Title: First Aid Training for All Students.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE BLEEDING CONTROL AND USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL  
3 DEFIBRILLATORS AS PART OF REQUIRED FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PUBLIC  
4 SCHOOL STUDENTS, TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN FIRST AID AND  
5 EMERGENCY CARE EDUCATION IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND TO REQUIRE FIRST AID  
6 TRAINING BE OFFERED TO ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, AS RECOMMENDED BY  
7 THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SAFETY.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
10 a new section to read:

11 "**§ 115C-81.22. First aid and emergency care education.**

12 (a) Instruction shall be provided in first aid and emergency care education from  
13 kindergarten through grade 12. First aid and emergency care shall include, but is not limited to,  
14 the teaching of the following:

15 (1) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

16 (2) Heimlich maneuver.

17 (3) Use of an automated external defibrillator, when equipment is available.

18 (4) Bleeding control.

19 (b) Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver shall  
20 be given using hands on training with mannequins so that students pass a test approved by the  
21 American Heart Association or American Red Cross. For the purposes of this subsection, schools  
22 shall do all of the following:

23 (1) Use an instructional program developed by the American Heart Association,  
24 the American Red Cross, or other nationally recognized programs that is based  
25 on the most current national evidence based emergency cardiovascular care  
26 guidelines for CPR.

27 (2) Maintain documentation in an electronic database that students have  
28 successfully completed CPR instruction to meet healthful living essential  
29 standards.

30 (3) Require successful completion of instruction in CPR to be a requirement for  
31 high school graduation.

32 (c) Instruction in the use of an automated external defibrillator shall provide training in  
33 the appropriate use of an automated external defibrillator in heart-related emergencies, when  
34 equipment is available for training.



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1 (d) Instruction in bleeding control shall provide training on the immediate response to  
2 bleeding, how to recognize life-threatening bleeding, and appropriate ways to stop the bleeding  
3 for immediate responders in trauma situations.

4 (e) The State Board of Education shall develop and maintain a recommended list of first  
5 aid and emergency care materials that include components for teacher training and ongoing  
6 assessment and evaluation to verify success and ensure the use of up-to-date information and  
7 strategies.

8 (f) The Department of Public Instruction shall do the following:

9 (1) Work to strengthen instructional offerings in the content and skill areas in  
10 which first aid and emergency care education is addressed.

11 (2) Develop curricular materials and resources that meet, extend, and supplement  
12 first aid and emergency care education as outlined in the standard course of  
13 study and the teacher handbook for the competency-based curriculum.

14 (3) Recommend to the State Board of Education any first aid and emergency care  
15 education support materials that should be removed from or added to the  
16 recommended list of curricular resources developed and maintained by the  
17 State Board of Education.

18 (g) Local boards of education may select supplemental first aid and emergency care  
19 education materials from the list maintained by the State Board of Education or develop their  
20 own supplemental materials to be approved by the State Board of Education.

21 (h) Local boards of education shall do the following:

22 (1) Implement an approved first aid and emergency care education as a primary  
23 part of their comprehensive health education program.

24 (2) Provide for ongoing evaluation of first aid and emergency care education  
25 resources, to include participation in ongoing evaluations with the Department  
26 of Public Instruction.

27 (i) The Department of Public Instruction, in conjunction with local school administrative  
28 units, shall provide for professional development to train educators and support personnel to  
29 implement a comprehensive first aid and emergency care education program.

30 (j) Sequential, age-appropriate instruction shall be provided that includes all of the  
31 following:

32 (1) Reaches all students in all grades.

33 (2) Utilizes information that is current and accurate.

34 (3) Involves students in active "hands-on" learning experiences.

35 (4) Integrates first aid and emergency care education with other health and social  
36 issues and other subject and skill areas of the standard course of study.

37 (5) Includes strategies to involve parents, family members, and the community.

38 (6) Is continually open to revision, expansion, and improvement."

39 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-81.25(c)(10) reads as rewritten:

40 ~~"(10) First aid and emergency care, care, including the teaching of cardiopulmonary~~  
41 ~~resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver by using hands-on training~~  
42 ~~with mannequins so that students pass a test approved by the American Heart~~  
43 ~~Association or American Red Cross. For the purposes of this subdivision,~~  
44 ~~schools shall do all of the following:~~

45 ~~a. Use an instructional program developed by the American Heart~~  
46 ~~Association, the American Red Cross, or other nationally recognized~~  
47 ~~programs that is based on the most current national evidence-based~~  
48 ~~emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for CPR.~~

49 ~~b. Maintain documentation in an electronic database that students have~~  
50 ~~successfully completed CPR instruction to meet healthful living~~  
51 ~~essential standards.~~

1 e. ~~Require successful completion of instruction in CPR to be a~~  
2 ~~requirement for high school graduation by the 2014-2015 school year."~~

3 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-375.1 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 115C-375.1. To provide some medical care to students.**

5 (a) It is within the scope of duty of teachers, including substitute teachers, teacher  
6 assistants, student teachers, or any other public school employee when authorized by the board  
7 of education or its ~~designee, designee to do any of the following:~~

8 (1) ~~(i) to administer~~Administer any drugs or medication prescribed by a doctor  
9 upon written request of the ~~parents, parents.~~

10 (2) ~~(ii) to give~~Give emergency health care when reasonably apparent  
11 circumstances indicate that any delay would seriously worsen the physical  
12 condition or endanger the life of the ~~pupil, pupil.~~

13 (3) ~~and (iii) to perform~~Perform any other first aid or lifesaving techniques in  
14 which the employee has been trained in a program approved by the State  
15 Board of Education.

16 (b) No employee, however, shall be required to administer drugs or medication or attend  
17 lifesaving techniques programs.

18 (c) Each local board of education shall make available to employees annual instruction  
19 in first aid and lifesaving techniques. First aid and lifesaving techniques shall include, but are not  
20 limited to, the following:

21 (1) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

22 (2) Heimlich maneuver.

23 (3) Use of an automated external defibrillator, when equipment is available.

24 (4) Bleeding control.

25 (d) Any public school employee, authorized by the board of education or its designee to  
26 act under ~~(i), (ii), or (iii) above, subdivisions (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) of this section~~ shall  
27 not be liable in civil damages for any authorized act or for any omission relating to that act unless  
28 the act or omission amounts to gross negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing.  
29 Any person, serving in a voluntary position at the request of or with the permission or consent of  
30 the board of education or its designee, who has been given the authority by the board of education  
31 or its designee to act under ~~(ii) above subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section~~ shall not be  
32 liable in civil damages for any authorized act or for any omission relating to the act unless the  
33 act amounts to gross negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing.

34 (e) At the commencement of each school year, but before the beginning of classes, and  
35 thereafter as circumstances require, the principal of each school shall determine which persons  
36 will participate in the medical care program."

37 **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are effective July 1, 2020, and apply  
38 beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes  
39 law and applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.