

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 22, 2022

Introduced by Sens. MAY, MANNION -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to first aid certification for coaches and staff of high school athletics

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 3001-b of the education law, as added by chapter  
2 498 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 3001-b. First aid instruction mandatory for coaches of extra-class  
4 public school athletic activities. 1. On and after the effective date of  
5 this section, in addition to any provision of law or rule or regulation  
6 of the department related to the requirements necessary for teachers  
7 within the public school systems, whether certified in physical educa-  
8 tion or not, to coach any extra-class athletic activity, it shall be  
9 required of such teachers, except as provided in subdivision two or  
10 three of this section, to hold a valid certificate of completion of a  
11 course of study in first aid knowledge and skills offered by the Ameri-  
12 can National Red Cross and approved by the commissioner, or to meet  
13 equivalent requirements as certified by the commissioner. Any such  
14 course of study or equivalent requirements must include instruction in  
15 the administration of adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Prior to the  
16 start of each sports season, coaches must provide valid evidence to  
17 their chief school officer that their first aid and adult cardiopulmo-  
18 nary resuscitation knowledge and skills are current pursuant to the  
19 requirements established by the American National Red Cross or that they  
20 meet equivalent requirements as certified by the commissioner.

21 2. [~~Persons~~] Except as provided in subdivision three of this section,  
22 persons who have been employed as coaches of extra-class athletic activ-  
23 ities in a public school system on the effective date of this section  
24 who do not hold a valid certificate of completion of a course of study  
25 in first aid knowledge and skills pursuant to subdivision one of this  
26 section may continue to coach such sports, provided, however, that such

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 coaches do receive such certification required in subdivision one of  
2 this section as soon as practicable after the effective date of this  
3 section but not later than twelve months thereafter, provided, however,  
4 that the commissioner shall have the authority to establish by rule or  
5 regulation an additional time schedule for compliance with this section.

6 3. A teacher or person who is unable to hold a valid certificate of  
7 completion of a course of study in first aid knowledge and skills pursu-  
8 ant to subdivision one of this section due to a physical disability may  
9 coach any extra-class athletic activity if there is another teacher or  
10 person employed by the public school system who holds a valid certifi-  
11 cate of completion pursuant to subdivision one of this section and is  
12 present with such teacher or person who is unable to hold such certifi-  
13 cate of completion at all times during the extra-class athletic activ-  
14 ities including but not limited to practices, scrimmages and during  
15 competition.

16 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 3001-b of the education law, as amended  
17 by chapter 500 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

18 1. On and after the effective date of this section, in addition to any  
19 provision of law or rule or regulation of the department related to the  
20 requirements necessary for teachers within the public school systems,  
21 whether certified in physical education or not, to coach any extra-class  
22 athletic activity, it shall be required of such teachers, except as  
23 provided in subdivision two or three of this section, to hold a valid  
24 certificate of completion of a course of study in first aid knowledge  
25 and skills offered by a nationally recognized organization, as defined  
26 in paragraph (d) of subdivision one of section three thousand-b of the  
27 public health law and approved by the commissioner, or to meet equiv-  
28 alent requirements as certified by the commissioner. Any such course of  
29 study or equivalent requirements must include instruction in recognizing  
30 signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest and sudden cardiac arrest and the  
31 administration of adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Prior to the  
32 start of each sports season, coaches must provide valid evidence to  
33 their chief school officer that their first aid and adult cardiopulmo-  
34 nary resuscitation knowledge and skills are current pursuant to the  
35 requirements established by a nationally recognized organization, as  
36 defined in paragraph (d) of subdivision one of section three thousand-b  
37 of the public health law and approved by the commissioner, or that they  
38 meet equivalent requirements as certified by the commissioner.

39 § 3. Section 3001-c of the education law, as added by chapter 39 of  
40 the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

41 § 3001-c. First aid instruction mandatory for coaches of high school  
42 extra-class nonpublic school athletic activities. 1. On and after the  
43 effective date of this section, it shall be required of coaches of high  
44 school extra-class athletic activities in a nonpublic school system,  
45 except as provided in subdivision two or three of this section, to hold  
46 a valid certificate of completion of a course of study in first aid  
47 knowledge and skills offered by the American National Red Cross and  
48 approved by the commissioner, or to meet equivalent requirements as  
49 certified by the commissioner. Any such course of study or equivalent  
50 requirements must include instruction in the administration of adult  
51 cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Prior to the start of each sports season,  
52 coaches must provide valid evidence to their chief school officer that  
53 their first aid and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation knowledge and  
54 skills are current pursuant to the requirements established by the Amer-  
55 ican National Red Cross or that they meet equivalent requirements as  
56 certified by the commissioner.

2. ~~[Persons]~~ Except as provided in subdivision three of this section,  
persons who have been employed as coaches of high school extra-class  
athletic activities in a nonpublic school system on the effective date  
of this section who do not hold a valid certificate of completion of a  
course of study in first aid knowledge and skills pursuant to subdivi-  
sion one of this section may continue to coach such sports, provided,  
however, that such coaches do receive such certification required in  
subdivision one of this section as soon as practicable after the effec-  
tive date of this section but not later than twelve months thereafter,  
provided, however, that the commissioner shall have the authority to  
establish by rule or regulation an additional time schedule for compli-  
ance with this section.

3. A teacher or person who is unable to hold a valid certificate of  
completion of a course of study in first aid knowledge and skills pursu-  
ant to subdivision one of this section due to a physical disability may  
coach any high school extra-class athletic activities if there is anoth-  
er teacher or person employed by the nonpublic school system who holds a  
valid certificate of completion pursuant to subdivision one of this  
section and is present with such teacher or person who is unable to hold  
such certificate of completion at all times during the high school  
extra-class athletic activities including but not limited to practices,  
scrimmages and during competition.

§ 4. Subdivision 1 of section 3001-c of the education law, as amended  
by chapter 500 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

1. On and after the effective date of this section, it shall be  
required of coaches of high school extra-class athletic activities in a  
nonpublic school system, except as provided in subdivision two or three  
of this section, to hold a valid certificate of completion of a course  
of study in first aid knowledge and skills offered by a nationally  
recognized organization, as defined in paragraph (d) of subdivision one  
of section three thousand-b of the public health law and approved by the  
commissioner, or to meet equivalent requirements as certified by the  
commissioner. Any such course of study or equivalent requirements must  
include instruction in recognizing signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest  
and sudden cardiac arrest and the administration of adult cardiopulmo-  
nary resuscitation. Prior to the start of each sports season, coaches  
must provide valid evidence to their chief school officer that their  
first aid and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation knowledge and skills  
are current pursuant to the requirements established by a nationally  
recognized organization, as defined in paragraph (d) of subdivision one  
of section three thousand-b of the public health law and approved by the  
commissioner, or that they meet equivalent requirements as certified by  
the commissioner.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however that:

(a) the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 3001-b of the education  
law made by section two of this act shall take effect on the same date  
and in the same manner as chapter 500 of the laws of 2021, takes effect;  
and

(b) the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 3001-c of the education  
law made by section four of this act shall take effect on the same date  
and in the same manner as chapter 500 of the laws of 2021, takes effect.