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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 ican National Red Cross or that they meet equivalent requirements as
2 certified by the commissioner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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