STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 22, 2022

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

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:

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

§ 3001-b. First aid instruction [~~mandatory~~] for coaches **and staff** of extra-class public school athletic activities. 1. On and after the effective date of this section, in addition to any provision of law or rule or regulation of the department related to the requirements necessary for teachers within the public school systems, whether certified in physical education or not, to coach any extra-class athletic activity, it shall be required of such teachers, 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 the American National Red Cross 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 the administration of adult cardiopulmonary 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 the American National Red Cross or that they meet equivalent requirements as certified by the commissioner.

2. [~~Persons~~] **Except as provided in subdivision three of this section, persons** who have been employed as coaches of extra-class athletic activities in a public 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 subdivision 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 effective date of this

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

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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 compliance with this section.

3. A teacher or person who has been employed as a coach of extra-class athletic activities in a public school system and does not hold a valid certificate of completion of a course of study in first aid knowledge and skills offered by the American National Red Cross or 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, pursuant to subdivision one or two of this section may coach any extra-class athletic activity if there is another person or staff employed by the public school system who holds such certificate present with the coach at all times during the extra-class athletic activities including but not limited to practices, scrimmages and during competition.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 3001-b 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, in addition to any provision of law or rule or regulation of the department related to the requirements necessary for teachers within the public school systems, whether certified in physical education or not, to coach any extra-class athletic activity, it shall be required of such teachers, 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 cardiopulmonary 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.

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

§ 3001-c. First aid instruction [~~mandatory~~] for coaches **and staff** of high school extra-class nonpublic school athletic activities. 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 the American National Red Cross 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 the administration of adult cardiopulmonary 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 the American National Red Cross or that they meet equivalent requirements as 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 subdivision 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 effective 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 compliance with this section.

3. A teacher or person who has been employed as a coach of extra-class athletic activities in a nonpublic school system and does not hold a valid certificate of completion of a course of study in first aid knowledge and skills offered by the American National Red Cross or 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, pursuant to subdivision one or two of this section may coach any extra-class athletic activity if there is another person or staff employed by the nonpublic school system who holds such certificate present with the coach at the high school extra-class athletic activities.

§ 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 cardiopulmonary 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 one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivision pursuant to section 4 of chapter 500 of the laws of 2021, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect; and

(b) the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 3001-c of the education law made by section three of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivision pursuant to section 5 of chapter 500 of the laws of 2021, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section four of this act shall take effect.