§ 3001-c. First aid instruction mandatory for coaches 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 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.

2. 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 is unable to hold a valid certificate of completion of a course of study in first aid knowledge and skills pursuant to subdivision one of this section due to a physical disability may coach any high school extra-class athletic activities if there is

another 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.