



26           1003.225 Water safety and swimming certification.—  
 27           (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "water  
 28 safety" means age-appropriate education intended to promote  
 29 safety in, on, and around bodies of water and reduce the risk of  
 30 injury or drowning.

31           (2) (a) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, each  
 32 district school board and the governing authority of each  
 33 private school must ask the parent or guardian of each child who  
 34 is entitled to admittance to kindergarten, or who is entitled to  
 35 any other initial entrance into a public or private school in  
 36 this state, if the child has successfully completed a water  
 37 safety education course and age-appropriate swimming lessons.

38           1. If the child has taken such course and lessons, the  
 39 school may ask for a certificate proving such successful  
 40 completion.

41           2. If the child has not taken such course or lessons, the  
 42 school is required to offer a document that states the  
 43 importance of water safety education courses and swimming  
 44 lessons in saving children's lives and provides five options for  
 45 free or reduced priced swimming lessons.

46           (b) The district shall keep records of parents who have  
 47 submitted certification and who have not.

48           (3) A member or an employee of a district school board, or  
 49 a member or an employee of the governing board of a private  
 50 school, is not liable for any injury caused by swimming lessons

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51 undertaken by a child pursuant to this section.

52 (4) This section does not apply to those persons admitted  
53 to or attending adult education classes unless such students are  
54 under 21 years of age.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.