

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Education (Berman) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Edna Mae McGovern Act."

Section 2. Section 1003.225, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1003.225 Water safety and swimming certification.-

(1) For the purposes of this section, the term "water safety" means age-appropriate education intended to promote safety in, on, and around bodies of water and reduce the risk of

13 injury or drowning.

14 (2) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, each public
15 school shall provide, to a parent who initially enrolls his or
16 her child in the school, information on the important role water
17 safety education courses and swimming lessons play in saving
18 lives. The information must be provided electronically or in
19 hardcopy and must include local options for age-appropriate
20 water safety courses and swimming lessons that result in a
21 certificate indicating successful completion, including courses
22 and lessons offered for free or at a reduced price. If the
23 student is 18 years of age or older, or is under the age of 21
24 and is enrolling in adult education classes, the information
25 must be provided to the student.

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

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28 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 Delete everything before the enacting clause
31 and insert:

32 A bill to be entitled

33 An act relating to water safety and swimming
34 certification for K-12 students; providing a short
35 title; creating s. 1003.225, F.S.; defining the term
36 "water safety"; requiring public schools to provide
37 specified information to certain parents or students;
38 providing an effective date.