

By Representative Bullard

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education; creating s.
3 233.0627, F.S.; requiring district school
4 boards to provide swim lessons for certain
5 elementary school students; authorizing
6 cooperative agreements or contracts for the use
7 of community resources; providing for rules and
8 standards; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Section 233.0627, Florida Statutes, is
13 created to read:

14 233.0627 Swim lessons for students in kindergarten
15 through grade 3.--

16 (1) The Legislature finds that the instruction of
17 young children in the basic skills of swimming will save lives
18 and promote the health, safety, and welfare of such children.

19 (2) Each district school board shall provide swim
20 lessons as a component of the physical education curriculum
21 for each student in kindergarten through grade 3. Lessons
22 shall be designed to develop mastery of the basic skills of
23 swimming and safety and survival techniques.

24 (3) District school boards may develop cooperative
25 agreements or enter into contracts with community agencies or
26 organizations for the use of community resources, including
27 park and recreation department facilities.

28 (4) The Commissioner of Education shall adopt rules
29 and standards for the implementation of the provisions of this
30 section.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Requires district school boards to provide swim lessons as a component of the physical education curriculum for students in kindergarten through grade 3. Authorizes cooperative agreements or contracts for use of community resources. Provides for rules and standards.