

By the Committee on Education and Senators Dawson-White,
Kirkpatrick and Myers

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to education; creating s.
232.042, F.S.; authorizing each district to
require each child, prior to enrollment in
school, to submit evidence of whether or not he
or she has learned to swim; requiring the
district school board to provide certain
information; providing for review and repeal;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 232.042, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

232.042 Swim lessons; school enrollment
requirements.--The school board of each district may establish
a policy that requires a child, prior to enrollment in public
school, to submit evidence of whether or not he or she has
learned to swim. Such a policy shall include provisions for
providing information regarding available learn-to-swim
programs in the community to the parent or guardian of each
child who, upon enrollment, has not learned to swim. No civil
liability shall be incurred by any school district based on
this section.

Section 2. Section 232.042, Florida Statutes, as
created by this act, is repealed July 1, 2005, and shall be
reviewed prior to that date.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SB 1552

The committee substitute provides that no civil liability will be incurred by a school district on the basis of the new provisions of the bill and provides for the repeal and review of the new language. The committee substitute also allows rather than requires the school district to establish a policy related to determining if a child has learned to swim at the time of enrollment in school.