

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to water safety and swimming
 3 certification for K-12 students; providing a short
 4 title; creating s. 1003.225, F.S.; defining the term
 5 "water safety"; requiring public schools to provide
 6 specified information to certain parents or students;
 7 providing an effective date.

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

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

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

15 1003.225 Water safety and swimming certification.—

16 (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "water
 17 safety" means age-appropriate education intended to promote
 18 safety in, on, and around bodies of water and reduce the risk of
 19 injury or drowning.

20 (2) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, each public
 21 school shall provide, to a parent who initially enrolls his or
 22 her child in the school, information on the important role water
 23 safety education courses and swimming lessons play in saving
 24 lives. The information must be provided electronically or in
 25 hardcopy and must include local options for age-appropriate

26 | water safety courses and swimming lessons that result in a
27 | certificate indicating successful completion, including courses
28 | and lessons offered for free or at a reduced price. If the
29 | student is 18 or older, or is under the age of 21 and is
30 | enrolling in adult education classes, the information must be
31 | provided to the student.

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