1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to the Swimming Lesson Voucher

3   Program; amending s. 514.073, F.S.; revising the age

4   requirements for children receiving a voucher through

5   the Swimming Lesson Voucher Program; providing an

6   effective date.

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

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10   **Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraph (b) of subsection**

11   **(2) of section 514.073, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

12   514.073 Swimming Lesson Voucher Program.—

13   (1) There is created within the department the Swimming

14   Lesson Voucher Program. The purpose of the program is to

15   increase water safety in this state by offering vouchers for

16   swimming lessons at no cost to families with an income of no

17   more than 200 percent of the federal poverty level who have one

18   or more children <u>between 1 and 7</u> 4 years of age <s>or younger</s>.

19   (2) The department shall do all of the following to

20   implement the program:

21   (b) Establish a method for members of the public to apply

22   for swimming lesson vouchers and for determining an applicant's

23   eligibility. The department shall establish eligibility criteria

24   necessary for a family to receive one or more vouchers from the

25   program, including, but not limited to, the following:

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26   1. The age of each child for whom a voucher is being
27 sought, who <u>must be between 1 and 7</u> ~~may be no more than 4~~ years
28 of age.
29   2. The family income level, which may be up to 200 percent
30 of the federal poverty level.
31   3. The family's address of residency in this state.
32   **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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