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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education (Berman) recommended the following:

1   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**
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3   Delete everything after the enacting clause
4   and insert:
5   Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Edna Mae McGovern
6   Act."
7   Section 2. Section 1003.225, Florida Statutes, is created
8   to read:
9   1003.225 Water safety and swimming certification.—
10   (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "water
11   safety" means age-appropriate education intended to promote

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12 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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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.