

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to drowning prevention education;
 3 creating s. 383.3363, F.S.; requiring the Department
 4 of Health to develop educational materials on drowning
 5 prevention safety measures and safe bathing practices
 6 for specified purposes; providing requirements for
 7 such materials; requiring hospitals, birth centers,
 8 and home birth providers to provide the educational
 9 materials to new parents and caregivers as part of
 10 their postpartum education and care; requiring
 11 childbirth educators to provide the informational
 12 materials to parents or caregivers receiving
 13 childbirth education from them; amending ss. 383.318
 14 and 395.1053, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes
 15 made by the act; providing an effective date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19 **Section 1. Section 383.3363, Florida Statutes, is created**
 20 **to read:**

21 383.3363 Education on drowning prevention safety measures
 22 and safe bathing practices.—

23 (1) The Department of Health shall develop educational
 24 materials on drowning prevention safety measures and safe
 25 bathing practices to be distributed to parents or caregivers as

26 part of postpartum or childbirth education provided by
27 hospitals, birth centers, home birth providers, and childbirth
28 educators in this state. The materials must include, but need
29 not be limited to, instruction on all of the following:

30 (a) The increased risk of drowning for infants and
31 toddlers in bathtubs, pools, and other water sources, citing
32 available data on such drownings.

33 (b) Water safety measures parents can employ to prevent
34 drowning, emphasizing the importance of constant supervision of
35 infants and children while they are around water and the
36 benefits of early childhood swimming lessons and water
37 competency programs as an added layer of protection from
38 drownings.

39 (c) Additional safety hazards in the home setting and
40 evidence-based safe bathing practices.

41 (2) Each hospital, birth center, and home birth provider
42 providing maternity, prenatal, and newborn services shall
43 provide the educational materials developed under subsection (1)
44 to the parents or caregivers of a newborn as part of its
45 postpartum education and care.

46 (3) Childbirth educators shall provide the educational
47 materials developed under subsection (1) to the parents or
48 caregivers receiving childbirth education.

49 **Section 2. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (4) of**
50 **section 383.318, Florida Statutes, to read:**

51 383.318 Postpartum care for birth center clients and
 52 infants.—

53 (4) The birth center shall provide a postpartum evaluation
 54 and followup care that includes all of the following:

55 (j) Provision of the educational materials on drowning
 56 prevention safety measures and safe bathing practices developed
 57 by the Department of Health under s. 383.3363.

58 **Section 3. Section 395.1053, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 59 **to read:**

60 395.1053 Postpartum education.—A hospital that provides
 61 birthing services shall provide each parent with postpartum
 62 education on the care of newborns, which must include all of the
 63 following:

64 (1) incorporate Information on safe sleep practices and
 65 the possible causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death. ~~into the~~
 66 ~~hospital's postpartum instruction on the care of newborns and~~
 67 ~~provide to each parent~~

68 (2) Provision of the informational pamphlet on infant and
 69 childhood eye and vision disorders created by the department
 70 pursuant to s. 383.14(3)(h).

71 (3) Provision of the educational materials on drowning
 72 prevention safety measures and safe bathing practices developed
 73 by the department under s. 383.3363.

74 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.