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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; amending ss. 383.318 and  
14 395.1053, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
15 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:

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

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

41 (2) Hospitals, birth centers, and home birth providers  
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 their  
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

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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 the  
65 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.