

By: Representative Yancey

To: Education

## HOUSE BILL NO. 122

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE SPECIFIED  
2 INFORMATION TO CERTAIN PARENTS OR STUDENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF  
3 WATER SAFETY EDUCATION COURSES AND SWIMMING LESSONS; TO REQUIRE  
4 THE INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY OR IN HARD COPY AND  
5 INCLUDE LOCAL OPTIONS FOR AGE-APPROPRIATE WATER SAFETY COURSES AND  
6 SWIMMING LESSONS THAT RESULT IN CERTIFICATION INDICATING  
7 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION; TO DEFINE THE TERM "WATER SAFETY"; AND FOR  
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) For the purposes of this section, the term  
11 "water safety" means age-appropriate education intended to promote  
12 safety in, on, and around bodies of water and reduce the risk of  
13 injury or drowning.

14 (2) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, each public  
15 school shall provide, to a parent who initially enrolls his or her  
16 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 hard  
19 copy and must include local options for age-appropriate water  
20 safety courses and swimming lessons that result in a certificate  
21 indicating successful completion, including courses and lessons



22 offered for free or at a reduced price. If the student is  
23 eighteen (18) years of age or older, or is under the age of  
24 twenty-one (21) and is enrolling in adult education classes, the  
25 information must be provided to the student.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
27 and after July 1, 2025.

