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1712 Section 9. Section 1003.225, Florida Statutes, is created
1713 to read:

1714 1003.225 Water safety and swimming certification.-

1715 (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "water
1716 safety" means age-appropriate education intended to promote
1717 safety in, on, and around bodies of water and reduce the risk of
1718 injury or drowning.

1719 (2) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, each public
1720 school shall provide, to a parent who initially enrolls his or
1721 her child in the school, information on the important role water
1722 safety education courses and swimming lessons play in saving
1723 lives. The information must be provided electronically or in
1724 hard copy and must include local options for age-appropriate
1725 water safety courses and swimming lessons that result in a
1726 certificate indicating successful completion, including courses
1727 and lessons offered for free or at a reduced price. If the
1728 student is 18 years of age or older, or is under the age of 21
1729 and is enrolling in adult education classes, the information
1730 must be provided to the student.

1731 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
1732 1003.493, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1733 1003.493 Career and professional academies and career-
1734 themed courses.-

1735 (1) (a) A "career and professional academy" is a research-
1736 based program that integrates a rigorous academic curriculum
1737 with an industry-specific curriculum aligned directly to
1738 priority workforce needs established by the local workforce
1739 development board or the Department of Economic Opportunity.
1740 Career and professional academies shall be offered by public