

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 124

School Entry Requirements/Swimming Life Skills by Senator Bullard

Requires children who enter public or private kindergartens or schools to present a certificate of completion of a school-entry class in swimming life skills conducted by a swimming instructor or lifeguard who is certified by the American Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A., or other nationally recognized aquatic training program.

Exempts a child whose parent provides a written request stating objections on religious grounds. Also provides for exemption if a physician certifies in writing that the child should be exempt for medical reasons.

Allows an authorized school official to issue a temporary exemption, not to exceed 90 school days, to a student who has transferred from another state so that the student may obtain the certificate of completion or until the student's records can be obtained. (See bill for details)