

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 128 Beach Safety by Senator Bullard

Expands the beach safety program administered by the Department of Environmental Protection to apply to all beaches.

Specifies that the department must first fund all requests from local governments when awarding funds for promoting the use of beach warning flags. Provides that remaining requests shall be funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Defines the term "ocean lifeguard" as a lifeguard employed along the coastal or intracoastal beaches and shores of this state to help prevent injury or drowning. Provides enhanced penalties for an assault or battery on an ocean lifeguard while he or she is engaged in the lawful performance of his or her duties. (See bill for details)