



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Raised Bill No. 1218

LCO No. 3906



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING WATER SAFETY AND SWIM INSTRUCTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "eligible participant" means any individual under seventeen
3 years of age who (1) resides in a qualified census tract, as defined in
4 section 4-66c of the general statutes, (2) is eligible for the supplemental
5 nutrition assistance program administered by the Department of Social
6 Services pursuant to the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and
7 section 17b-2 of the general statutes, or (3) is eligible for the federal
8 Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children
9 administered by the Department of Public Health pursuant to section
10 19a-59c of the general statutes.

11 (b) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall,
12 within available appropriations, establish and administer an annual
13 program to provide swimming lessons free of charge to eligible
14 participants during the summer months. The department may contract
15 with one or more nonprofit entities that provide swimming lessons and
16 water safety skills instruction to provide swimming lessons under the

17 program.

18 (c) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection may
19 accept gifts, grants and donations, from any source, public or private,
20 for the purpose of establishing and administering such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to establish and administer an annual program to provide free-of-charge swimming lessons to certain children.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]