
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 371

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE REQUIREMENT FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE WHILE ON PUBLIC DOCKS, WHARVES AND PIERS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires all children under age 12 to wear a personal flotation device while on any public dock, wharf, or pier in the state. The bill specifies that this requirement applies regardless of any existing special act, municipal charter, or home rule ordinance provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

HB 5273 (File 15), favorably reported by the Children Committee, has identical provisions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)