

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING EACH LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD
3 AND GOVERNING BODY OF A CHARTER SCHOOL TO DEVELOP OR ADOPT
4 GUIDANCE FOR STUDENT WATER SAFETY; REQUIRING THAT WATER
5 SAFETY GUIDANCE BE PROVIDED TO PARENTS OF EACH STUDENT AT THE
6 BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

9 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
10 enacted to read:

11 "PARENTAL GUIDANCE FOR WATER SAFETY.--

12 A. Each local school board and governing body of a
13 charter school shall develop or adopt digital or written
14 guidance for parents that promotes student safety in, on and
15 around bodies of water and water infrastructure, including
16 information about local options for age-appropriate swimming
17 lessons and other water safety courses.

18 B. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, all
19 public schools shall provide the parents of each student with
20 the guidance developed pursuant to Subsection A of this
21 section upon the student's enrollment at a public school or no
22 later than the tenth school day of a school year. The
23 guidance may be conspicuously incorporated into a district-
24 wide or school-specific handbook published for parents and
25 students; provided that the public school receives written

1 acknowledgment of a parent's receipt of the handbook." HB 532
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