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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

An Act to Include Swimming in Elementary School and as a Requirement for Graduation of High School

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE YMCA LEGISLATURE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Section 1: Swimming will be integrated into schools into two forms, one in elementary school and one prior to graduation. This will ensure all children have the ability to safely enjoy spending time in the water.

Section 2: By the time a child is in 1st grade, the child needs to be able to swim a lap across a pool without drowning and be able to tread water for five minutes. Elementary schools must provide proper instruction for students who need help. Neighborhood pools may be used.

Section 3: Before a child graduates high school, they must pass a swim test. If they fail to pass this swim test, they will not be allowed to graduate.

A. This swim test will consist of 100 meters of swimming along with 10 minutes of treading water.

B. If a student fails after the first attempt, they may re-test 3 days later. If they fail a second time, the student must wait 1 month to re-test. Failure on the third and any future attempts results in the student having to wait 2 months to re-test.

Section 4: All tests, both in 1st grade and prior to graduation, will be given by teachers or school approved persons who have successfully completed training.

Section 5: This bill, if passed, will take effect for the 2018-2019 school year. The first graduates tested will be those of the 2019 graduating class.

