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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5113

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Cal. No. 261

"AN ACT CONCERNING POOL SAFETY AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section:

5 (1) "School swimming pool" means any swimming pool approved
6 for use by a local or regional board of education for student aquatic
7 activities;

8 (2) "Student aquatic activities" means any physical education class,
9 interscholastic athletics or extracurricular activities offered to students
10 by a local or regional board of education that makes use of a school
11 swimming pool;

12 (3) "Qualified swimming coach" means any person who (A) holds a
13 valid coaching permit issued by the State Board of Education, and (B)
14 (i) is certified as a lifeguard by the American Red Cross or another
15 nationally-recognized organization that conducts aquatic training
16 programs, (ii) has completed a safety training for swim coaches and
17 instructors course offered by the American Red Cross or an
18 organization approved by the State Board of Education, or (iii) was
19 certified as a lifeguard for at least five years during the previous ten
20 years and has at least five years' experience as a swimming coach or an
21 instructor of a physical education course that makes use of a school
22 swimming pool;

23 (4) "Qualified educator" means any person who (A) holds a valid
24 certificate issued by the State Board of Education, pursuant to section
25 10-145b of the general statutes, with an endorsement in physical
26 education, (B) (i) is certified as a lifeguard by the American Red Cross
27 or another nationally-recognized organization that conducts aquatic
28 training programs, (ii) has completed a safety training for swim
29 coaches and instructors course offered by the American Red Cross or

30 an organization approved by the State Board of Education, or (iii) was
31 certified as a lifeguard for at least five years during the previous ten
32 years and has at least five years' experience as a swimming coach or an
33 instructor of a physical education course that makes use of a school
34 swimming pool, (C) is certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation,
35 pursuant to section 19a-113a-1 of the regulations of Connecticut state
36 agencies, as amended from time to time, and (D) has completed a
37 course in first aid offered by the American Red Cross, the American
38 Heart Association, the Department of Public Health or any director of
39 health;

40 (5) "Qualified lifeguard" means any person who (A) is sixteen years
41 of age or older, (B) is certified as a lifeguard by the American Red
42 Cross or another nationally-recognized organization that conducts
43 aquatic training programs, (C) is certified in cardiopulmonary
44 resuscitation, pursuant to section 19a-113a-1 of the regulations of
45 Connecticut state agencies, as amended from time to time, and (D) has
46 completed a course in first aid offered by the American Red Cross, the
47 American Heart Association, the Department of Public Health or any
48 director of health.

49 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, in addition to the
50 person responsible for conducting any student aquatic activity that
51 makes use of a school swimming pool, there shall be at least one
52 qualified educator, qualified swimming coach or qualified lifeguard
53 who shall be solely responsible for monitoring such school swimming
54 pool during such student aquatic activities for swimmers who may be
55 in distress and providing assistance to such swimmers when
56 necessary.

57 (c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school
58 year thereafter, no local or regional board of education shall offer a
59 physical education course that makes use of a school swimming pool
60 unless there is at least one qualified educator who shall serve as the
61 instructor of such physical education course and be responsible for
62 implementing the provisions of the school swimming pool safety plan

63 developed pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, and at least one
64 qualified educator, qualified swimming coach or qualified lifeguard
65 whose primary responsibility is to monitor the school swimming pool
66 for swimmers who may be in distress and provide assistance to such
67 swimmers when necessary.

68 (d) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school
69 year thereafter, no local or regional board of education shall permit
70 any student to participate in any interscholastic athletic activity that
71 makes use of a school swimming pool unless there is at least one
72 qualified swimming coach who shall serve as a coach of such
73 participating students and be responsible for implementing the
74 provisions of the school swimming pool safety plan, developed
75 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, and at least one qualified
76 educator, qualified swimming coach or qualified lifeguard whose
77 primary responsibility is to monitor the school swimming pool for
78 swimmers who may be in distress and provide assistance to such
79 swimmers when necessary.

80 (e) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school
81 year thereafter, no local or regional board of education shall offer any
82 extracurricular activity that makes use of a school swimming pool
83 unless there is at least one qualified lifeguard who shall (1) monitor the
84 school swimming pool for swimmers who may be in distress and
85 provide assistance to such swimmers when necessary, and (2) be
86 responsible for implementing the provisions of the school swimming
87 pool safety plan developed pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.

88 (f) Not later than July 1, 2014, each local or regional board of
89 education that offers student aquatic activities at a school swimming
90 pool shall adopt a school swimming pool safety plan that ensures
91 compliance with this section and includes any other provisions
92 deemed necessary and appropriate for ensuring the safety of students
93 who use such school swimming pool for student aquatic activities.
94 Such school swimming pool safety plan shall be reviewed and updated
95 as necessary prior to the commencement of each school year."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section