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1 AMEND House Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ to House Bill No. 1991, Page 1, Line 4, by deleting said line  
2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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4 ""210.212. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

5 (1) "Aquatic activity", an activity involving a pool or other body of water, including  
6 canoeing, that may expose a child to a risk of serious injury because of the inherent danger of the  
7 activity;

8 (2) "Camp counselor", an employee of a summer camp who interacts with and is responsible  
9 for the supervision and safety of children at a summer camp and engages in activities including, but  
10 not limited to, planning and leading group events, maintaining a schedule of activities for children at  
11 the camp, and responding to safety or behavioral incidents;

12 (3) "Medical emergency", an injury or the sudden and, at the time, unexpected onset of a  
13 health condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity that would lead a prudent  
14 layperson, possessing an average knowledge of health and medicine, to believe that the absence of  
15 immediate medical care could result in:

16 (a) Placing the person's health in significant jeopardy;

17 (b) Serious impairment to a bodily function;

18 (c) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; or

19 (d) Inadequately controlled pain;

20 (4) "Summer camp", a program operated from May to September by a person or  
21 organization with the primary function of providing a summer recreational program for children five  
22 years of age or older and providing no child care for children under five years of age in the same  
23 space or in the same outdoor play area simultaneously.

24 2. Any person or organization operating a summer camp in this state shall ensure that  
25 employees of the summer camp are certified in operating equipment used in any aquatic activity  
26 offered by the summer camp.

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1           3. (1) Any person or organization operating a summer camp in this state shall establish and  
2 retain onsite a written site-specific emergency plan, which shall be approved by the director of the  
3 summer camp, outlining procedures that address the following emergency situations:

4           (a) Natural disasters;

5           (b) A lost child or children;

6           (c) Fires;

7           (d) Transportation emergencies;

8           (e) Medical emergencies;

9           (f) Unauthorized persons on or near the premises of the summer camp;

10          (g) Aquatic emergencies, as appropriate for the site; and

11          (h) Other emergency situations, as appropriate for the site.

12          (2) Summer camp employees, including the director and camp counselors, shall be trained  
13 in implementing the emergency plan procedures provided for under subdivision (1) of this  
14 subsection.

15          4. At least fifty percent of the camp counselors employed by a summer camp, and any  
16 director employed by a summer camp, shall be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and in the  
17 use of an automated external defibrillator.

18          5. Any aquatic activity offered by a summer camp to children attending the summer camp  
19 and any related equipment shall be inspected annually by the relevant state department including,  
20 but not limited to, the department of health and senior services, the department of public safety, or  
21 the department of conservation. Such inspections may be completed by local agencies if the  
22 standards employed by local personnel are substantially equivalent to state standards and local  
23 personnel are available for enforcement of such standards.

24          6. The department of elementary and secondary education shall maintain a list of all  
25 licensed summer camps in this state and any complaints against any of those summer camps. Such  
26 information shall be made available to the public.

27          7. It shall be unlawful for any person or organization to establish, maintain, or operate a  
28 summer camp that has not obtained a license from the department of elementary and secondary  
29 education. Every summer camp shall disclose the licensure status of the camp to the parents or  
30 guardians of the children for which the camp provides recreation in the summer.

31          8. Any person or organization operating a summer camp in this state shall maintain records  
32 of all inspections required under subsection 5 of this section of aquatic activities offered by the  
33 summer camp to children attending the summer camp and of any related equipment.

34          9. All camp counselors shall be subject to a criminal background check. Such background  
35 check shall include:

36          (1) A state and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint check;

37          (2) A search of the National Sex Offender Registry; and

1           (3) A search of the following registries, repositories, or databases in Missouri, the state  
2 where the camp counselor resides, and each state where such camp counselor resided during the  
3 preceding five years:

4           (a) The state criminal registry or repository, with the use of fingerprints being required in  
5 the state where the camp counselor resides and optional in other states;

6           (b) The state sex offender registry or repository;

7           (c) The state family care safety registry; and

8           (d) The state-based child abuse and neglect registry and database.

9           10. Beginning May 1, 2027, any person or organization that violates the provisions of this  
10 section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor for the first offense and shall be assessed a fine not  
11 to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars and shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and shall be  
12 assessed a fine of up to two thousand dollars per day, not to exceed a total of ten thousand dollars,  
13 for any subsequent offense. If a person or organization violates the provisions of this section prior  
14 to May 1, 2027, the person or organization shall receive a written warning for each violation.

15           11. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate all necessary  
16 rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that  
17 term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall  
18 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if  
19 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers  
20 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to  
21 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
22 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2024, shall be invalid and void.

23           210.225. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Elijah's Law".; and  
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25 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
26 accordingly.  
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28 THIS AMENDMENT AMENDS 3777H01.01H.