

HB 2595 -- SUMMER CAMPS

SPONSOR: Burton

This bill specifies that any person or organization, regardless of whether they are affiliated with a religious organization, who wants to operate a summer camp must first receive a license to do so from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The bill requires employees of summer camps to be certified in operating equipment used in the camp's specialized recreational activities as those terms are defined in the bill. Summer camps must also have a written site-specific emergency plan that addresses the emergency situations specified in the bill.

All camp counselors and any director employed by a summer camp must be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and in the use of an automated external defibrillator.

Any specialized recreational activity offered by a summer camp to children attending the summer camp will be inspected annually by the relevant state department including, but not limited to, the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Public Safety, or the Department of Conservation. Those operating the summer camp must maintain records of all inspections.

This bill is the same as HB 1860 (2024) and similar to HB 1292 (2023).