

26 increase water safety in this state by offering vouchers for
27 swimming lessons at no cost to families who have one or more
28 children 4 years of age or younger.

29 (2) The department shall do all of the following to
30 implement the program:

31 (a) Contract with and establish a network of swimming
32 lesson vendors that will accept the vouchers offered by the
33 program in exchange for providing swimming lessons. To ensure
34 that the swimming lessons are available throughout this state,
35 the department must attempt to secure at least one such vendor
36 in each county. Any swimming lesson vendor that offers swimming
37 lessons at a public pool that is owned or maintained by a county
38 or municipality must, if requested by the department,
39 participate in the program.

40 (b) Establish a method for members of the public to apply
41 for swimming lesson vouchers and for determining an applicant's
42 eligibility. The department shall establish eligibility criteria
43 necessary for a family to receive one or more vouchers from the
44 program, including, but not limited to, the following:

45 1. The age of each child for whom a voucher is being
46 sought, who may be no more than 4 years of age.

47 2. The family's address of residency in this state.

48 (c) Subject to specific appropriation, issue vouchers to
49 eligible applicants.

50 (3) The department may seek grants or other public or

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51 | private funding for the program.

52 | (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement the
53 | program.

54 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.