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Tallahassee, Fla. - [HB 1119 - Water Safety and Swimming Certification & HB 489 - Student Identification Cards](#) by **Representative Dan Daley (D-Coral Springs)** passed out of the Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee with unanimous, bipartisan support.

Florida has the highest drowning rate among children in the nation. **HB 1119** will promote swimming and water safety lessons by asking parents of children entering any public or private school system to confirm whether their child has had swimming lessons. This bill is named after Edna Mae McGovern, a young constituent in Coral Springs who lost her life to a preventable tragedy.

“No parent should ever have to lose a child. We need to do everything we can to ensure all of our residents, especially the youngest, know the basics of swimming and water safety. I am honored to sponsor this bipartisan bill with **Representative Jim Mooney**,” said **Representative Daley**.

**HB 489** would require Middle and High Schools across the state to include the number for a national or statewide hotline for mental health and suicide prevention to be included on the back of a student ID. This bill comes from students at McArthur High School that participated in the *Democracy in Action Program*, a student bill proposal contest within Broward County.

**Representative Daley** added, “Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people ages 15 to 24 in Florida and this bill will provide students with an easily accessible help line to spread mental health awareness and provide assistance to those in need. I am honored to sponsor this bill will **Representative Marie Woodson**.”

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