A bill to be entitled

An act relating to boating safety education; amending s. 327.395, F.S.; requiring commission-approved boating safety education courses or temporary certificate examinations to include components relating to certain safety measures; requiring the commission to incorporate certain information into boating safety campaigns and education materials; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 327.395, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

327.395 Boating safety education.—

(3) Any commission-approved boating safety education course or temporary certificate examination developed or approved by the commission must include a component regarding:

(a) Diving vessels, awareness of divers in the water, divers-down warning devices, and the requirements of s. 327.331.

(b) The risks associated with a passenger placing any portion of his or her appendage outside of a vessel while the vessel is underway.

(c) The proper use of an engine cutoff switch, as appropriate for certain vessels.

The commission must also incorporate the components described in paragraphs (a)-(c), into boating safety campaigns and education materials produced by the commission, as appropriate.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.