

Drowning Prevention Advocacy: Strategies that Make a Difference!

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Pre-work Completed

1. Read AAP Policy: Prevention of Drowning
2. Read the bill SB-855: Childhood Drowning Data Collection

Additional Resources:

1. AAP Drowning Prevention Campaign Tool Kit
2. AAP-OC Partners for Childhood Drowning Prevention Infographic on drowning prevention interventions (available in English and Spanish)
3. SB 855 Fact Sheet
4. SB 855 Letter of Support



Objectives

- List 5 key strategies for childhood drowning prevention
- Prepare a 60-120 second testimony in support of SB 855
- Describe a child that you cared for because that child sustained a fatal or non-fatal drowning and why you think this bill will inform on prevention (Tell a story)
- Discuss 2 recommendations for possible bills and/or modification of the current [SB 442 \(2017\) Pool Safety Act](#) to be considered for 2023-24 Legislative Session



Agenda

1. Watch video of the Senate Health Committee Hearing on SB 855 (Newman) Childhood Drowning Data Collection System
2. Review slides on childhood drowning prevention strategy
3. Small group breakout: Telling your story and preparing to speak to a legislator / testify /compose a letter of support
4. Report out to large group
5. Brainstorm: Discuss potential recommendations for next legislative session



Question:

Does your hospital have a surveillance system for tracking data on fatal and non-fatal drowning cases?

Answer yes / no / don't know in chat



Childhood Drowning Prevention

Foundations for Drowning Surveillance & Prevention

- Focus pool drowning children 1-4 years of age
- Surveillance Handbook (2010) Update (2023)
- Public Education Campaign, Webinars, Educational Modules, Strategic Policy Plan



Advocacy for Data Driven Policies

Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Project

Watch the 1st hearing in the State Assembly Health Committee

Author introduces SB 855

Sponsors testify in support

Opposition responds

Senators comment

Committee votes



Advocacy For Drowning Prevention

[SB 855](#) sponsor ([Newman](#) D) Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program. Sponsors: AAP-CA and CA Alliance for YMCA's co-sponsor

[Listen to the hearing:](#)
[Click here.](#)



State Senate Health Committee Hearing

SB 855 (Newman):
Childhood Drowning Data
Collection Pilot Program

To watch the hearing,
[click here.](#)

*This video will be used for advocacy training,
thanks to the generous support from the
Agran/Friedman Family Fund for Children.*

Voice of:
Dr. Phyllis Agran

When you have finished the video, type a comment about what you saw in the chat



History of SB 855: Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Project (Newman)

SB 442 (Newman) 2017 Pool Safety Act. Current Law

Builds on 1996 Pool Safety Act by requiring 2/7 drowning prevention safety features around residential pools.

SB 736 (2021-2022) AAP-CA **opposed**—died. Sponsor: CA Coalition of Children's Safety & Health

- 1) Preemption Provision preventing localities from stronger regulation
- 2) Only evidence-based practice documented through research to prevent unauthorized access to a swimming pool is installation of an isolation fence that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission standard.

(All other drowning prevention safety features should be considered supplementary at this time.)



History of SB 855: Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Project (Newman)

AAP-CA met with Senator Newman to establish a relationship as the voice for children and promote measures to prevent childhood drowning

Drafted Legislation

Legislative Counsel prepared draft; reviewed and revised

Result: SB 855 (Newman) Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Project and co-sponsor CA Alliance for YMCAs

AAP-CA organizes Injury and Violence Prevention Expert Team



Data Review: Leading Causes of Child Fatality (CA)

5 Leading Causes of Injury Deaths by Age Groups, California Residents 0-17 Years: (2018-2020), N= 2,085

<u>Age <1</u> (N=239)	<u>Ages 1-4</u> (N=329)	<u>Ages 5-9</u> (N=196)	<u>Ages 10-14</u> (N=391)	<u>Ages 15-17</u> (N=930)
Suffocation (128)	Drowning (139)	MVT, Unspec. (41)	Suicide (102)	Suicide (257)
Homicide (46)	Homicide (66)	Drowning (32)	MVT, Unspec. (64)	Homicide (202)
MVT, Unspec. (18)	Pedestrian (44)	Homicide (26)	Homicide (48)	Poisoning (131)
Drowning (10)	MVT, Unspec. (34)	MV Occupant (25)	Pedestrian (43)	MVT, Unspec. (123)
All Other (37)	Suffocation (26)	Pedestrian (20)	MV Occupant (22)	MV Occupant (69)

Source: EpiCenter, California Department of Public Health

Current California Pool Safety Law (2017)

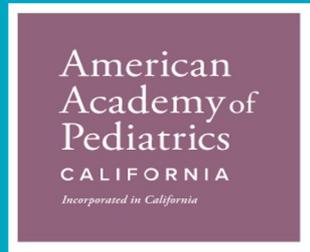
Requires 2/7 drowning prevention safety features; single family residence; home inspection

- (1) An enclosure that meets the requirements of Section 115923 and isolates the swimming pool or spa from the private single-family home.**
- (2) Removable mesh fencing that meets American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Specifications F2286 standards in conjunction with a gate that is self-closing and self-latching and can accommodate a key lockable device.
- (3) An approved safety pool cover, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 115921.
- (4) Exit alarms on the private single-family home's doors that provide direct access to the swimming pool or spa. The exit alarm may cause either an alarm noise or a verbal warning, such as a repeating notification that "the door to the pool is open."
- (5) A self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor on the private single-family home's doors providing direct access to the swimming pool or spa.
- (6) An alarm that, when placed in a swimming pool or spa, will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. The alarm shall meet and be independently certified to the ASTM Standard F2208 "Standard Safety Specification for Residential Pool Alarms," which includes surface motion, pressure, sonar, laser, and infrared type alarms. A swimming protection alarm feature designed for individual use, including an alarm attached to a child that sounds when the child exceeds a certain distance or becomes submerged in water, is not a qualifying drowning prevention safety feature.
- (7) Other means of protection, if the degree of protection afforded is equal to or greater than that afforded by any of the features set forth above and has been independently verified by an approved testing laboratory as meeting standards for those features established by the ASTM or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).



SB 855 (Newman)

Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Project

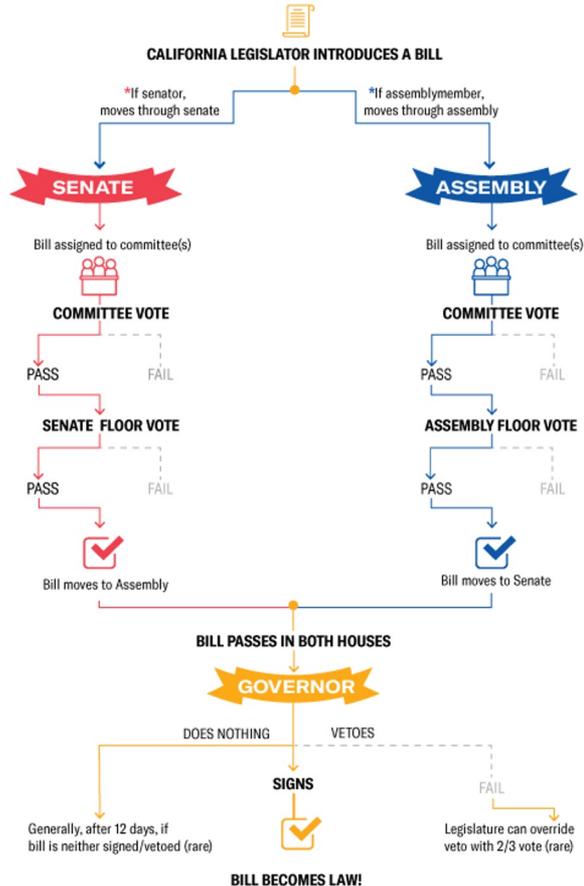


Supporters:

- *American Academy of Pediatrics, California (co-sponsor)*
- *California State Alliance of YMCAs (co-sponsor)*
- *Association of Regional Center Agencies*
- *Children Now*
- *Children's Specialty Care Coalition*
- *Water Safety Council of Fresno County (Mark Simonian MD FAAP, Chair)*
- *California Building Officials*
- *Orange County Fire Authority*
- *27 Local YMCA's*
- *4 Local Chapters of American Academy of Pediatrics*



HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW



*Bills that start with "SB" are introduced in the senate
*Bills that start with "AB" are introduced in the assembly

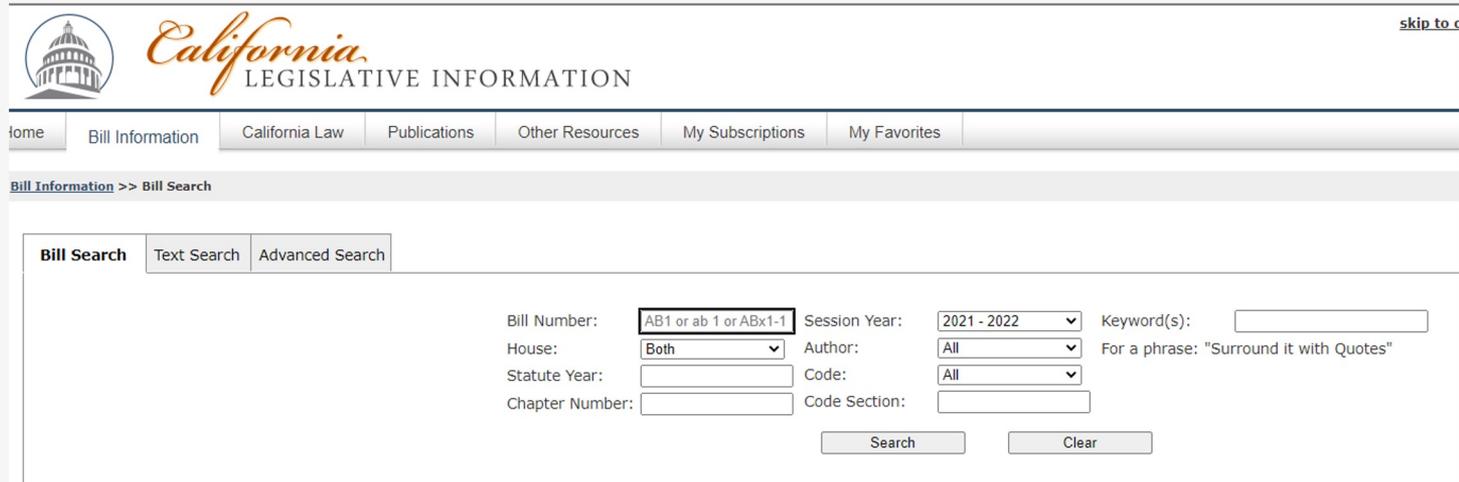
AAP-CA opposed SB 737 (Newman) 2021
Requested Zoom meeting to discuss opposition: 1)
preemption provision; 2) no evidence to support
proposed modifications to SB 442 current Pool Safety Law

Outcome:

- 1) Senator Newman pulled SB 737
- 2) We proposed and drafted SB 855.
- 3) Result: SB 855 introduced along with Fact Sheet
- 4) SB 855 Amended
- 5) Passes Senate Health & Appropriations Committees, and then Floor of Senate
- 6) To Assembly: Passes Health & Appropriation Committees and then to Floor with amendments
- 7) Back to the Senate floor for concurrence on amendments (8/31/22)
- 8) 9/7/2022: Sent to Governor's desk for signature

Getting to know a bill

- Go to leginfo.legislature.ca.gov
- Click on the “Bill Information” tab
- Search by number, author, keyword



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Read the Text. Who is the Author and Co-Authors? Who are the Sponsors? Get the Fact Sheet from the Author.

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Author:

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Keyword(s):

SB-855 Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program. (2021-2022)

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STATUS

SB-855 Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program. (2021-2022)

Senate: 1st Cmt 2nd Cmt 2nd 3rd Pass **Pass**

Assembly: 1st Cmt 2nd 3rd Pass

Goes to the Governor for Signature



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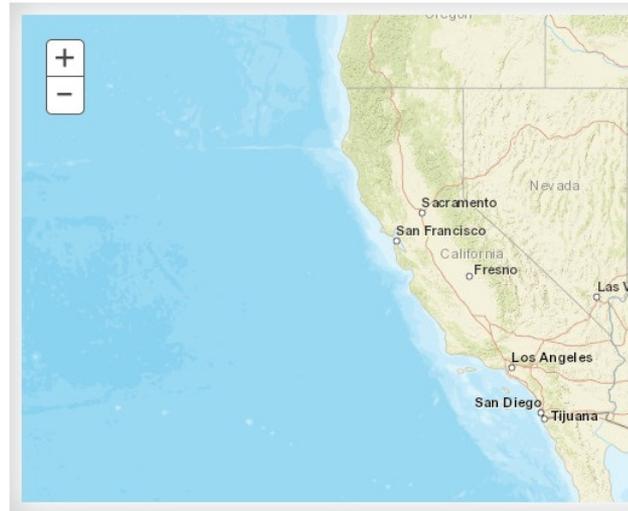
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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 23, 2022

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 28, 2022

SENATE BILL

No. 855

Introduced by Senator Newman

**(Coauthors: Senators Bates, Eggman, Hurtado, Portantino, Rubio,
and Umberg)**

January 19, 2022

An act to add and repeal Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 131350) of Part 1 of Division 112 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to recreational safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST



SENATOR JOSH NEWMAN (SD-29)

State Capitol, 1021 O St., Room 6520 ★ Sacramento, CA 95814 ★ 203 N. Harbor Blvd ★ Fullerton, CA 92832 ★ <https://sd29.senate.ca.gov/>

SB 855 (Newman): Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program

(As amended on March 28th, 2022)

Co-sponsors:

American Academy of Pediatrics, California
California State Alliance of YMCAs

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SUMMARY

SB 855 will create a statewide childhood drowning data collection system through a three-year pilot program to be administered by the Department of Public Health (CDPH). The program will collect detailed data on childhood drownings and near-drownings which result in significant health consequences, focusing on swimming pool incidents among children aged one through four years old. The data collected will help inform prospective public policies designed to decrease instances of childhood drownings.



CA SB 855 (Newman)

Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program

[Bill Text - SB-855 Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program.](#) Click on the link and learn about the bill.

- Establish a statewide drowning data collection system with consistent reporting and analysis for fatal and nonfatal drownings.
- Inform on the development of effective strategies & policies for drowning prevention at the state and local level
- Develop a CA Water Safety Plan
- Seek to implement recommendations



Breakout Sessions

Be the Voice For Children

Share your key message: narrative, data and prevention message to support the call to action.



Our Work Continues

Monitor Implementation of SB 855

Stay engaged

Participate



Next Steps:

US National Water Safety Action Plan – review when published

Surveillance in your own hospital

Pilot projects for legislation

Your suggestions?



Acknowledgments

- Our children and families who inspire us to advocate.
- Our pediatricians, nurses, social workers and others who care for children and families that have suffered from drowning.
- Our first responders (Lifeguards, EMS, Police) who have saved thousands of lives.
- AAP-OC • AAP-CA Advocacy Team • AAP National
- OC-Child Death Review Team
- The CA Department of Public Health Team of Experts
- CA Water Safety Coalition
- Our partners, parents and policy makers who have committed to work tirelessly because **One More Drowning Is One Too Many.**



Debrief and evaluation

What is one thing you are going to do this week to advocate for children and families?

Please fill out the evaluation to help us to continuously improve the rotation:



https://uclahs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7VBIef3eTwwzs2



That's It!

Be the Voice of Children

