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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to adopt policies concerning student use of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing at school and school-sponsored functions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on December 5, 2024, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning school district policies on student sun protection
2 and supplementing chapter 40 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. As used in this section, “sunscreen” means a topical product
9 used for the purpose of limiting skin damage caused by overexposure
10 to the sun, and which is regulated by the federal Food and Drug
11 Administration for over-the-counter use.

12 b. Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, a board
13 of education shall adopt a policy concerning a student’s use of
14 sunscreen and sun-protective clothing, such as hats and sunglasses,
15 while outdoors at school and school-sponsored functions. The policy
16 shall not require a student to provide documentation from a physician
17 or other licensed health care professional in order to use sunscreen or
18 sun-protective clothing while outdoors at school or a school-sponsored
19 function. ¹The policy may require written permission from a student’s
20 parent or guardian to allow that student to carry or use sunscreen at
21 school or a school-sponsored function. Nothing in the policy shall be
22 construed as requiring school personnel to assist a student in applying
23 sunscreen.¹

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25 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
26 following the date of enactment.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted December 5, 2024.