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SENATE DRS15164-RM-11 (3/16)

Short Title: Sun Safety for School Children.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Carpenter; Dannelly and Purcell.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT POLICIES TO ALLOW FOR THE OUTDOOR USE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY OF ARTICLES OF SUN-PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND TO ALLOW PUPILS TO USE SUNSCREEN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY WITHOUT A PHYSICIAN'S NOTE OR PRESCRIPTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 115C is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 29A.

"Sun Protection Policy to Prevent Skin Cancer.

"§ 115C-407.1. Sun protection policy.

(a) Local boards of education shall adopt policies that establish sun safety as a priority and highlight the importance of skin cancer prevention. At a minimum, the policies shall:

(1) Encourage or require students to wear protective clothing, hats, and UVA/UVB protective sunglasses to prevent excessive sun exposure.

(2) Allow use of broad-spectrum UVA/UVB sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater at school or for after-school activities without a physician's note or prescription. The policy may range from encouraging parents to include sunscreen in required school-supply kits to using permission slips for students to be able to apply sunscreen at school. For the purposes of this subsection, sunscreen is not an over-the-counter medication. Nothing in this subsection requires school personnel to assist students in applying sunscreen.

(3) Encourage schools to schedule daily outdoor activities during times when the sun is not at its peak intensity or when shade is available to protect children from the sun.

- 1 (b) Local boards of education shall publish their policies required by this section
2 and make the published policies available to students and parents or guardians."
3 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.