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SENATE BILL 886

Short Title: Sun Safety for School Children. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Carpenter, Dannelly, Purcell; Queen and Shubert.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT POLICIES
3 TO ALLOW FOR THE OUTDOOR USE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY OF
4 ARTICLES OF SUN-PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND TO ALLOW PUPILS TO
5 USE SUNSCREEN DURING THE SCHOOL DAY WITHOUT A PHYSICIAN'S
6 NOTE OR PRESCRIPTION.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

9 "Article 29A.

10 "Sun Protection Policy to Prevent Skin Cancer.

11 "**§ 115C-407.1. Sun protection policy.**

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

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

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

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

28 (b) Local boards of education shall publish their policies required by this section
29 and make the published policies available to students and parents or guardians."

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SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.