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(A21, R28, S256)

AN ACT to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding Section 59-63-85 so as to PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS shall not prohibit the possession or personal use of sunscreen, and to define necessary terms.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Sunscreen use in public schools, definitions

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 63, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-63-85. (A) As used in this section:

(1) “School” means a public or charter school.

(2) “Sunscreen” means a topical, non-aerosol product regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use for the purpose of limiting ultraviolet light-induced skin damage. Sunscreen does not include prescription medication.

(B) Public schools shall not prohibit the possession or personal use of sunscreen.

Time effective

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 11th day of May, 2023.

Approved the 16th day of May, 2023.

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