

CHAPTER 37

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

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

C.18A:40-12.39 Student sun protection policy.

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

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

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

Approved March 31, 2025.