

**SENATE . . . . . No. 261**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Julian Cyr*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the availability of sunscreen for students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 261) of Julian Cyr and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation relative to the availability of sunscreen for students. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 229 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the availability of sunscreen for students.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding after section 97 the following section:-

3 Section 98. Any person, including but not limited to students, parents or school  
4 personnel may possess and use a topical sunscreen product without a physician’s note or  
5 prescription while on school property or at a school-related event or activity to avoid  
6 overexposure to the sun if the product is regulated by the Federal Food and Drug Administration  
7 for over-the-counter use.

8 For the purposes of this Section only, sunscreen is not an over-the-counter medication.

9 Nothing in this section requires school personnel to assist pupils in applying sunscreen.

10           The school district may encourage school sites to educate pupils on sun safety  
11 precautions.