

SENATE No. 261

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.

[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)**

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.