

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 37, *approved March 31, 2025*
Senate, No. 1548 (*First Reprint*)

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

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

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

12 b. Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, a board
13 of education shall adopt a policy concerning a student’s use of
14 sunscreen and sun-protective clothing, such as hats and sunglasses,
15 while outdoors at school and school-sponsored functions. The policy
16 shall not require a student to provide documentation from a physician
17 or other licensed health care professional in order to use sunscreen or
18 sun-protective clothing while outdoors at school or a school-sponsored
19 function. ¹The policy may require written permission from a student’s
20 parent or guardian to allow that student to carry or use sunscreen at
21 school or a school-sponsored function. Nothing in the policy shall be
22 construed as requiring school personnel to assist a student in applying
23 sunscreen.¹

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

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31 Requires school districts to adopt policies concerning student use
32 of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing at school and school-
33 sponsored functions.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted December 5, 2024.

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.

SENATE, No. 1548

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to adopt policies concerning student use of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing at school and school-sponsored functions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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15 sunglasses, while outdoors at school and school-sponsored
16 functions. The policy shall not require a student to provide
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18 professional in order to use sunscreen or sun-protective clothing
19 while outdoors at school or a school-sponsored function.

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21 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires school districts to adopt a policy concerning a
28 student’s use of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing, such as hats
29 and sunglasses, while outdoors at school and school-sponsored
30 functions. The policy will not require a student to provide
31 documentation from a physician or other licensed health care
32 professional in order to use sunscreen or sun-protective clothing
33 while outdoors at school or a school-sponsored function. The bill
34 will take effect in the first full school year following the bill’s
35 enactment.

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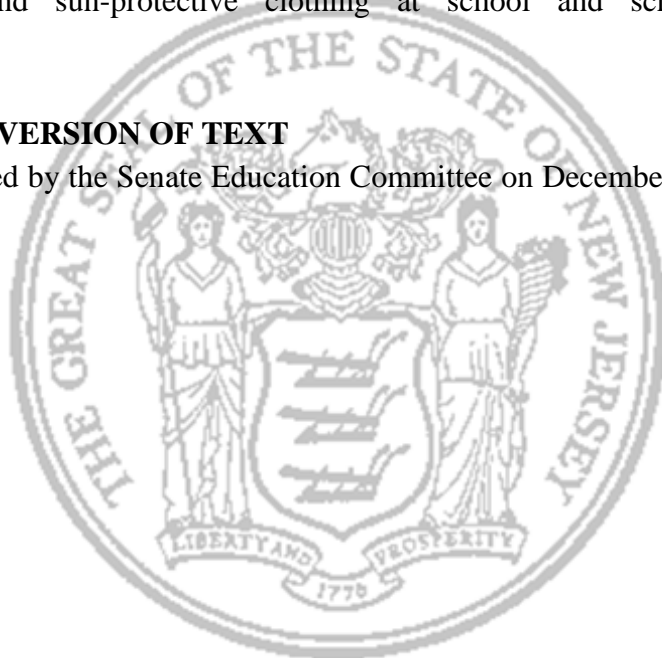
**Senator O'Scanlon, Assemblywoman Matsikoudis, Assemblymen Azzariti
Jr. and Simonsen**

SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to adopt policies concerning student use of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing at school and school-sponsored functions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on December 5, 2024, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/24/2025)

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20 parent or guardian to allow that student to carry or use sunscreen at
21 school or a school-sponsored function. Nothing in the policy shall be
22 construed as requiring school personnel to assist a student in applying
23 sunscreen.¹

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25 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
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¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted December 5, 2024.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1548

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 2024

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1548 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires school districts to 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 is not to 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 amended bill stipulates that the policy may require written permission from a student's parent or guardian to allow the student to carry or use sunscreen at school or a school-sponsored function. The amended bill also stipulates that nothing in the policy is to be construed as requiring school personal to assist a student in applying sunscreen.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to stipulate that:

- the policy may require written permission from a student's parent or guardian to allow the student to carry or use sunscreen at school or at a school-sponsored function; and
- nothing in the policy is to be construed as requiring school personal to assist a student in applying sunscreen.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1028

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman NANCY F. MUNOZ

District 21 (Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Matsikoudis, Assemblymen Azzariti Jr. and Simonsen

SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to adopt policies concerning student use of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing at school and school-sponsored functions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/21/2024)

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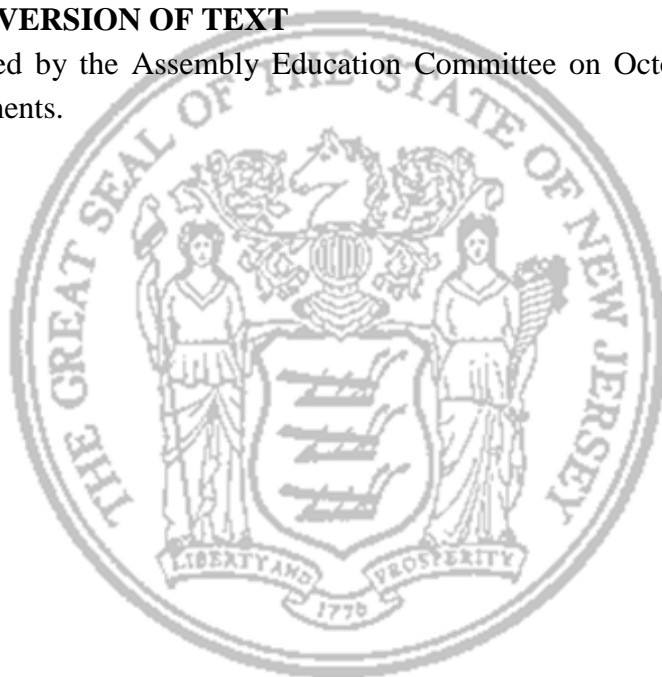
Assemblywoman Matsikoudis, Assemblymen Azzariti Jr. and Simonsen

SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to adopt policies concerning student use of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing at school and school-sponsored functions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on October 21, 2024, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/9/2024)

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¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted October 21, 2024.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1028

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 21, 2024

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1028 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires school districts to 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 is not to 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 is to be construed as requiring school personnel to assist a student in applying sunscreen. The amended bill will take effect in the first full school year following the bill's enactment.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended this bill to provide that 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. The amendments clarify that nothing in the policy is to be construed as requiring school personnel to assist a student in applying sunscreen.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

03/31/2025

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-1548/A-1028 (Turner/Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson) - Requires school districts to adopt policies concerning student use of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing at school and school-sponsored functions

SJR-140/AJR-202 (McKeon/Bagolie, Collazos-Gill, Reynolds-Jackson) - Designates month of March of each year as “Amyloidosis Awareness Month”

AJR-217/SJR-46 (Reynolds-Jackson, Carter, Spearman/Turner, Zwicker) - Designates April 9 of each year as “Paul Robeson Day” in State of New Jersey