
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 922 (File 232, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT ALLOWING STUDENTS TO APPLY SUNSCREEN PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

SUMMARY

This bill allows students age six or older to possess and self-apply over-the-counter sunscreen in schools before outdoor activities, if the parent or guardian gave written authorization to the school nurse.

The bill allows local and regional school boards to adopt policies and procedures they determine necessary to implement these provisions. If a board adopts such policies and procedures, a student's self-application of sunscreen must be in accordance with them.

Although current law does not specifically address sunscreen use in schools, its application is generally subject to the same procedures as other over-the-counter medications. Thus, it may be applied only pursuant to written order from an authorized health care provider and written authorization from the student's parent or guardian. (Some districts have standing orders from their medical advisor authorizing sunscreen use if the parent or guardian consents.) Generally, if these conditions are met, the school nurse may apply sunscreen to students, or it may be applied by other school staff or self-applied by students under a board of education policy (CGS § 10-212a and Conn. Agencies Regs., §§ 10-212a-1 et seq.).

*Senate Amendment "A" lowers, from eight to six, the minimum age of students covered by the bill.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/08/2019)