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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public K-12 educational instruction; creating s. 1003.4205, F.S.; requiring the provision of instruction regarding sun safety and skin protection; providing requirements for such instruction; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, melanoma is the most common cancer in young adults ages 25 to 29, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society found that fewer than one-third of children ages 11 to 18 use any form of sun protection, and

WHEREAS, more than 95,000 new cases of melanoma are estimated for 2006, with melanoma-based deaths occurring at the rate of one per hour, and

WHEREAS, Florida has the second highest incidence of melanoma in the nation, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1003.4205, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1003.4205 Required instruction in sun safety and skin protection.--

(1) This section may be cited as the "K-12 Melanoma Prevention Act."

(2)(a) Each district school board shall make provision for instruction regarding sun safety and skin protection within the district school board's student progression plan. Such instruction shall be offered at the elementary, middle,

1 and secondary school levels. The instruction may be offered
2 within courses in health, science, comprehensive health
3 education, life management skills, or physical education. The
4 instruction may be conveyed to students in print or
5 electronically.

6 (b) Instruction regarding sun safety and skin
7 protection shall include, but not be limited to, risk factors
8 for melanoma, sources of ultraviolet rays, and measures to
9 prevent skin cancer.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
11 law.

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14 SENATE SUMMARY

15 Requires the provision of instruction regarding sun
16 safety and skin protection in grades K through 12.
17 Provides requirements for such instruction.

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