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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public K-12 educational instruction; creating s. 1003.4205, F.S.; providing a popular name; providing legislative intent; 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 aged 25 to 29 and the leading cancer killer of women aged 30 to 35, and

WHEREAS, sunburn during childhood and intense intermittent unprotected sun exposure increases the risk of melanoma and other skin cancers, and

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

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of youth report getting sunburned during summer months, more than one-third of whom used a sunscreen, and

WHEREAS, over 95,000 new cases of melanoma are estimated for 2004, 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, and

WHEREAS, melanoma claimed the life of Cynthia M. Disman at the age of 30, leaving behind a bereft husband and two preschool-aged sons, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

3           1003.4205 Required instruction in sun safety and skin  
4 protection.--

5           (1) This section may be cited as the "Cynthia Disman  
6 Melanoma Prevention Act."

7           (2) The Legislature recognizes that most melanomas are  
8 preventable. It further recognizes the correlation between  
9 childhood sun exposure and the development of melanomas in  
10 adults. It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that  
11 children are educated about the preventable causes of melanoma  
12 and actions that students may take to protect themselves.

13           (3)(a) Each district school board shall make provision  
14 for instruction regarding sun safety and skin protection  
15 within the district school board's student progression plan.  
16 Such instruction shall be offered at the elementary, middle,  
17 and secondary school levels. The instruction may be offered  
18 within health, science, comprehensive health education, life  
19 management skills, or physical education courses. The  
20 instruction may be conveyed to students in print or  
21 electronically.

22           (b) Instruction regarding sun safety and skin  
23 protection shall include, but not be limited to, risk factors  
24 for melanoma, sources of ultraviolet rays, and measures to  
25 prevent skin cancer. Measures to prevent skin cancer shall  
26 include, but not be limited to, avoiding sun exposure during  
27 certain daylight hours and wearing appropriate clothing,  
28 including hats, to protect the skin from sun exposure.  
29 Specific instruction shall be provided regarding the proper  
30 application of sunscreen and intervals at which sunscreen must  
31 be reapplied to maintain skin protection.

1           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
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