

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public K-12 educational instruction;  
 3           creating s. 1003.4205, F.S.; providing a popular name;  
 4           providing legislative intent; requiring the provision of  
 5           instruction regarding sun safety and skin protection;  
 6           providing requirements for such instruction; providing an  
 7           effective date.

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 9           WHEREAS, melanoma is the most common cancer in young adults  
 10          aged 25 to 29 and the leading cancer killer of women aged 30 to  
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12          WHEREAS, sunburn during childhood and intense intermittent  
 13          unprotected sun exposure increases the risk of melanoma and  
 14          other skin cancers, and

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

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

21          WHEREAS, over 95,000 new cases of melanoma are estimated  
 22          for 2004, with melanoma-based deaths occurring at the rate of  
 23          one per hour, and

24          WHEREAS, Florida has the second highest incidence of  
 25          melanoma in the nation, and

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

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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 "Cynthia Disman Melanoma Prevention Act."

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

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

(b) Instruction regarding sun safety and skin protection shall include, but not be limited to, risk factors for melanoma, sources of ultraviolet rays, and measures to prevent skin cancer. Measures to prevent skin cancer shall include, but not be limited to, avoiding sun exposure during certain daylight

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57 hours and wearing appropriate clothing, including hats, to  
58 protect the skin from sun exposure. Specific instruction shall  
59 be provided regarding the proper application of sunscreen and  
60 intervals at which sunscreen must be reapplied to maintain skin  
61 protection.

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