

HOUSE No. 2055

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah K. Peake

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to student sun safety.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Sarah K. Peake</i> | <i>4th Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> |
| <i>William Crocker</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Kate Hogan</i> | <i>3rd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James M. Cantwell</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> |

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2055) of Sarah K. Peake and others for legislation to allow the use of sunscreen in all public schools in the commonwealth. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to student sun safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 official edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding after Section 97 the following section:-

3 Section 98. Any person, including but not limited to students, parents or school
4 personnel may possess and use a topical sunscreen product without a physician’s note or
5 prescription while on school property or at a school-related event or activity to avoid
6 overexposure to the sun if the product is regulated by the Federal Food and Drug Administration
7 for over-the-counter use.

8 For the purposes of this section only, sunscreen is not an over-the-counter medication.

9 Nothing in this section requires school personnel to assist pupils in applying sunscreen.

10 The school district may encourage school sites to educate pupils on sun safety
11 precautions.