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House Bill 144
Ways and Means

(Delegate Healey, *et al.*)

Education - Public Schools - Use of Sunscreen

This bill provides that a public school or school system may not prohibit a student from applying sunscreen in a safe and proper manner before engaging in outdoor school activities.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is directed at the 24 local school systems and individual public schools and does not affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Local school systems could ensure compliance with the bill with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no prohibition relating to student application of sunscreen in schools.

Background: The Maryland State School Health Services Guidelines, which are prepared jointly by the Maryland State Department of Education, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Maryland State School Health Counsel, include guidelines for protecting students and staff from overexposure to the sun. The guidelines recommend that school nurses develop policies that allow students to use the sunscreen they bring to school.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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