

MEMORANDUM

To: School Superintendents and Principals

From: Cathy Danyluk, Director of Student Services

Date: May 11, 2018

Re: Senate Enrolled Act 24 – Student Possession and Use of Sunscreen (IC 20-34-3-22)

Background:

The Indiana General Assembly recently passed legislation requiring all public and charter schools to allow students to possess and use a topical, non-aerosol sunscreen product by July 1, 2018. The law allows students to possess and use the sunscreen product while on school property, or at a school sponsored event or activity, without being required to have a physician's prescription or note or store the sunscreen in a specific location.

Guidance:

School personnel may, but are not required to, assist a student with applying the topical, non-aerosol sunscreen if the school has received written permission to do so from the student's parent or guardian. The law offers some civil liability protection for schools and school personnel if the actions taken are in good faith. Schools are not prohibited from allowing topical, aerosol sunscreen products if the school has an approved school policy for its use. The Indiana Department of Education will be working with various organizations to provide additional educational resources for schools. These resources will be posted on the IDOE Health webpage (<https://www.doe.in.gov/student-services/health>) when completed.

If you have any questions, please contact Jolene Bracale, MSN, RN at (317) 232-0541 or jbracale@doe.in.gov.