

SENATE BILL NO. 159—SENATORS WOODHOUSE, DENIS, DONDERO  
LOOP, HARRIS, BROOKS; ATKINSON, CANCELA,  
CANNIZZARO, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, RATTI, SCHEIBLE  
AND SPEARMAN

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires each public school and private school to  
adopt a policy concerning safe exposure to the sun.  
(BDR 34-583)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions relating to  
school uniforms; requiring each public school and private  
school to adopt a policy concerning safe exposure to the  
sun; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

**Section 2** of this bill requires the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school to adopt a policy concerning safe exposure to the sun. **Section 2** requires the policy to: (1) provide that sunscreen not be considered a medication sold over the counter; and (2) allow a pupil who participates in an outdoor activity while on the grounds of the school or in an outdoor activity sponsored by the school to wear protective clothing, such as a hat, and possess and self-administer sunscreen. Additionally, **section 2** authorizes the board and governing body to adopt a policy which includes teaching pupils practices for safe exposure to the sun to reduce the risk of skin cancer. **Section 3** of this bill requires the same policy regarding safe exposure to the sun to be adopted by a private school and similarly authorizes a private school to adopt a policy which includes teaching pupils such subjects. **Section 1** of this bill provides that any policy which requires pupils to wear school uniforms, to the extent practicable, must be consistent with the policy adopted in **section 2**.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 386.855 is hereby amended to read as follows:

386.855 1. The board of trustees of a school district may, in consultation with the schools within the district, parents and legal guardians of pupils who are enrolled in the district, and associations and organizations representing licensed educational personnel within the district, establish a policy that requires pupils to wear school uniforms.

2. The policy must:

(a) Describe the uniforms;

(b) Designate which pupils must wear the uniforms; ~~and~~

(c) Designate the hours or events during which the uniforms must be worn ~~and~~; *and*

*(d) To the extent practicable, be consistent with the policy adopted pursuant to section 2 of this act.*

3. If the board of trustees of a school district establishes a policy that requires pupils to wear school uniforms, the board shall facilitate the acquisition of school uniforms for pupils whose parents or legal guardians request financial assistance to purchase the uniforms.

4. The board of trustees of a school district may establish a dress code enforceable during school hours for the teachers and other personnel employed by the board of trustees.

**Sec. 2.** Chapter 392 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall adopt a policy concerning safe exposure to the sun.*

*2. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must:*

*(a) Provide that for the purposes of the policy, sunscreen must not be considered a medication sold over the counter; and*

*(b) Allow a pupil who participates in an outdoor activity while on the grounds of the public school or the charter school or in an outdoor activity sponsored by the public school or the charter school to:*

*(1) Wear clothing, which complies with the dress code of the school, if any, designed to protect against exposure to the sun, including, without limitation, a hat; and*

*(2) Possess and self-administer sunscreen.*

*3. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 may include teaching pupils enrolled in a public school of the school district or charter school practices for safe exposure to the sun to reduce the risk of skin cancer.*



1       4. *For the purposes of this section, “sunscreen” means a*  
2 *topical product:*

3       (a) *Applied to the skin; and*

4       (b) *Approved by the United States Food and Drug*  
5 *Administration to prevent damage caused from overexposure to*  
6 *the sun.*

7       **Sec. 3.** Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
8 thereto a new section to read as follows:

9       1. *The governing body of a private school shall adopt a policy*  
10 *concerning safe exposure to the sun.*

11       2. *The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must:*

12       (a) *Provide that for the purposes of the policy, sunscreen must*  
13 *not be considered a medication sold over the counter; and*

14       (b) *Allow a pupil who participates in an outdoor activity while*  
15 *on the grounds of the private school or in an outdoor activity*  
16 *sponsored by the private school to:*

17       (1) *Wear clothing, which complies with the dress code of*  
18 *the school, if any, designed to protect against exposure to the sun,*  
19 *including, without limitation, a hat; and*

20       (2) *Possess and self-administer sunscreen.*

21       3. *The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 may include*  
22 *teaching pupils enrolled in a private school practices for safe*  
23 *exposure to the sun to reduce the risk of skin cancer.*

24       4. *For the purposes of this section, “sunscreen” means a*  
25 *topical product:*

26       (a) *Applied to the skin; and*

27       (b) *Approved by the United States Food and Drug*  
28 *Administration to prevent damage caused from overexposure to*  
29 *the sun.*

30       **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

