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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring skin cancer prevention instruction in public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (k-1) to read as follows:

(k-1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of State Health Services, shall develop a skin cancer prevention program that a school district shall use as part of the health curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(B). The program must include:

(1) facts and statistics regarding the negative effects of exposure to ultraviolet radiation through tanning and sunburn;

(2) a comprehensive strategy to reduce the risk of skin cancer; and

(3) instruction on accessing updated information and educational resources on skin cancer from the Department of State Health Services and other appropriate entities.

SECTION 2. (a) Not later than May 1, 2006, the State Board of Education shall develop a skin cancer prevention program as provided by Section 28.002(k-1), Education Code, as added by this Act.

(b) A school district shall use the skin cancer prevention

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1 program developed by the State Board of Education as provided by
2 Section 28.002(k-1), Education Code, as added by this Act,
3 beginning with the 2006-2007 school year.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.