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SENATE BILL NO. 431

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health  
on February 3, 2022)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Dunnavant)

A BILL to direct the Department of Education to recommend options for isolation and quarantine for students and employees at public schools who contract or are exposed to COVID-19 and develop and recommend guidelines for such schools for use as an alternative to quarantine.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

1. § 1. That the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health, shall (i) recommend options for isolation and quarantine for students and employees at public schools who contract or are exposed to COVID-19 and (ii) develop guidelines for such schools and recommend such guidelines for use as an alternative to quarantine. All guidelines established pursuant to this act shall be immediately distributed to local school boards and shall reflect the most updated recommendations to limit the amount of time out of the classroom, including options for no quarantine, as recommended for asymptomatic individuals.

**2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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