

HOUSE BILL NO. 1504

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Seibold)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-272.1:1, relating to school-connected overdoses; policies relating to parental notification and response; requirements.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-272.1:1 as follows:

§ 22.1-272.1:1. School-connected overdoses; response and prevention; parental notification; requirements.

A. As used in this section:

"Overdose" means a life-threatening condition resulting from the consumption or use of a controlled substance, alcohol, or any combination of such substances.

"School-connected overdose" includes any verified overdose that (i) occurs on school premises during or after regular school hours or (ii) occurs during school-sanctioned activities whether on or off school premises.

B. Each division superintendent or his designee shall notify the parent of each student in the local school division of any school-connected overdose within 24 hours of learning of the overdose. The parental notification shall include information regarding the warning signs of substance use and methods for prevention. No disclosure of information shall be made as part of such parental notification if such disclosure is prohibited by any applicable law, rule, or regulation relating to the disclosure and protection of a minor's personal, confidential, or otherwise sensitive information.

C. The Board shall establish guidelines for school-connected overdose response and parental notification policies to aid local school boards in the implementation of such policies. The guidelines shall include (i) a model action plan for each school board to follow in responding to any school-connected

27 overdose, including communicating and coordinating with (a) the Department and (b) the applicable law-
28 enforcement liaison or the local law-enforcement agency that, pursuant to § 22.1-280.2:3, employs such
29 school division's school resources officers, and (ii) criteria for issuing the parental notification pursuant
30 to subsection B to ensure sensitivity to the privacy interests of affected individuals and compliance with
31 any applicable law, rules, or regulations relating to the disclosure and protection of a minor's personal,
32 confidential, or otherwise sensitive information.

33 D. Each school board shall adopt, implement, and maintain policies consistent with subsection B
34 and the guidelines developed by the Board pursuant to subsection C.

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