

HOUSE BILL NO. 121

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health

on February 22, 2024)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Sullivan)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.2:1, relating to grade nine and grade 10 health education Standards of Learning instruction; severe allergic reaction awareness training.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.2:1 as follows:

§ 22.1-274.2:1. Grade nine and grade 10 health education Standards of Learning; severe allergic reaction awareness training.

The Board shall include in the Standards of Learning for health education for grade nine and grade 10 an in-person or online severe allergic reaction awareness training that includes the following content:

- 1. The definition of and distinction between normal allergic reaction and anaphylaxis;
- 2. Types of allergens, including common and less common allergens;
- 3. The signs and symptoms of normal allergic reaction and anaphylaxis;
- 4. Treatments for anaphylaxis; and
- 5. The proper response to suspected anaphylaxis, including notifying the nearest staff member trained to respond to anaphylaxis and administer epinephrine.

2. That the Board of Education shall review the video training produced by students at McLean High School in Fairfax County and shall consider whether to approve such training or develop a similar training for use as the severe allergic reaction awareness training to be included in the Standards of Learning for health education for grade nine and grade 10 as required in § 22.1-274.2:1 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act.

26 3. That beginning with the school year following the Board of Education's adoption of revised
27 Standards of Learning for health education for grades nine and 10 incorporating severe allergic
28 reaction awareness training pursuant to § 22.1-274.2:1 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this
29 act, each school board shall incorporate such severe allergic reaction awareness training into any
30 health education instruction provided at grades nine and 10 in accordance with the provisions of
31 this act. The Department of Education shall, in the interim, develop and post on its official website
32 guidance documents for the purpose of making such severe allergic reaction awareness training
33 available to school boards prior to the adoption of such revised Standards of Learning.

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