

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 32.1-46.1 and 32.1-46.2, relating*
3 *to testing of children for elevated blood-lead levels.*

4 [S 725]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 32.1-46.1 and 32.1-46.2 as**
8 **follows:**9 § 32.1-46.1. *Board to establish protocol for identification of children with elevated blood-lead levels.*

10 *The Board shall promulgate regulations establishing a protocol for the identification of children at*
11 *risk for elevated blood-lead levels which shall provide (i) for blood-lead level testing at appropriate*
12 *ages and frequencies, when indicated, and (ii) for criteria for determining low risk for elevated*
13 *blood-lead levels and when such blood-lead level testing is not indicated. As deemed necessary by the*
14 *Board, the protocol may also address follow-up testing for children with elevated blood-lead levels,*
15 *dissemination of the protocol and/or other information to relevant health care professionals, appropriate*
16 *information for parents, and other means of preventing lead poisoning among children. In promulgating*
17 *such regulations, the Board shall consider the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and*
18 *Prevention and may consider such other materials relating to lead poisoning prevention, testing, and*
19 *treatment as it deems appropriate.*

20 § 32.1-46.2. *Certain testing or determination of low risk for elevated blood-lead levels required.*

21 *In accordance with the protocol required by § 32.1-46.1 and the regulations of the Board of Health*
22 *promulgated thereto, the parent, guardian or other person standing in loco parentis of each child within*
23 *the Commonwealth shall cause such child to be tested for elevated blood-lead levels or shall obtain a*
24 *determination that the child is at low risk for elevated blood-lead levels.*

25 *The provisions of this section shall not apply to any child whose parent, guardian or other person*
26 *having control or charge of such child shall object to such testing on the grounds that the procedure*
27 *conflicts with his religious tenets or practices.*

28 **2. That the Board of Health shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of**
29 **§ 32.1-46.1, as included herein, within 280 days of the enactment of this act.**

30 **3. That § 32.1-46.2 shall become effective on July 1, 2001.**

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