

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-207.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to family life education;*
3 *mental health.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 22.1-207.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 22.1-207.1. Family life education.

9 The Board of Education shall develop by December 1, 1987, standards of learning and curriculum
10 guidelines for a comprehensive, sequential family life education curriculum in grades K through 12.
11 Such curriculum guidelines shall include instruction as appropriate for the age of the student in family
12 living and community relationships;; abstinence education;; the value of postponing sexual activity;; the
13 benefits of adoption as a positive choice in the event of an unwanted pregnancy;; human sexuality;;
14 human reproduction;; dating violence, the characteristics of abusive relationships, steps to take to avoid
15 sexual assault, and the availability of counseling and legal resources, and, in the event of such sexual
16 assault, the importance of immediate medical attention and advice, as well as the requirements of the
17 law; ~~and~~ the etiology, prevention and effects of sexually transmitted diseases; *and mental health*
18 *education and awareness.*

19 All such instruction shall be designed to promote parental involvement, foster positive self concepts
20 and provide mechanisms for coping with peer pressure and the stresses of modern living according to
21 the students' developmental stages and abilities. The Board shall also establish requirements for
22 appropriate training for teachers of family life education, which shall include training in instructional
23 elements to support the various curriculum components.

24 For the purposes of this section, "abstinence education" means an educational or motivational
25 component which has as its exclusive purpose teaching the social, psychological, and health gains to be
26 realized by teenagers' abstaining from sexual activity before marriage.

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