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HOUSE BILL NO. 270

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Englin) House Amendments in [] - February 10, 2010

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 32.1-47.1, relating to public health emergency; plan for the vaccination of school children.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 32.1-47.1 as follows:

§ 32.1-47.1. Vaccination of children; plan enhancements.

The Department shall include in its vaccination plans procedures to ensure the prompt vaccination of all persons of school age in the Commonwealth, without preference regarding the manner of compliance with the compulsory school attendance law set forth in § 22.1-254, upon declaration of a public health emergency involving a vaccine-preventable disease and consent of the parent [; guardian, or person standing in loco parentis or guardian] of the person of school age if such person is a minor or, if the person of school age is not a minor, of the person. Vaccination plans developed pursuant to this section shall be consistent with applicable guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and shall be subject to the same review and update requirements, process, and schedule as the State Emergency Operations Plan developed by the Department of Emergency Management pursuant to § 44-146.18.