

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2013 SESSION

## CHAPTER 715

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-273.2, relating to parent educational information; eating disorders.*

[H 1406]

Approved March 25, 2013

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-273.2 as follows:**

***§ 22.1-273.2. Parent educational information regarding eating disorders.***

*Each school board shall annually provide parent educational information regarding eating disorders for pupils in grades five through 12. Such information shall be consistent with guidelines set forth by the Department of Education.*

**2. That the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Health, shall develop and implement policies for providing parent educational information regarding eating disorders. The Department of Education and the Department of Health shall develop policies with input from organizations and entities including local school boards, school superintendents, the National Eating Disorders Association, the Virginia Association of School Nurses, the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians. In doing so, the Department of Education and the Department of Health shall identify and develop appropriate additions or revisions to the Virginia School Health Guidelines related to development of parent educational information, including guidance regarding the clear delineation of such health information from other administrative documentation. Additionally, the Department of Education and the Department of Health shall develop appropriate guidelines for local school boards regarding (i) the optional development of an eating disorder screening program; (ii) specification of training needs and requirements for personnel and volunteers; (iii) appropriate opt-out and exemption procedures; (iv) parental notification procedures for positive indications of an eating disorder; and (v) any issues requiring statutory or regulatory amendment. Such Departments shall provide guidelines to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for dissemination by no later than July 1, 2013.**