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HOUSE BILL NO. 1532

Offered January 19, 2018

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-207 of the Code of Virginia, relating to health education; prescription drugs.

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Referred to Committee on Education

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-207 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: § 22.1-207. Physical and health education.

Physical and health education shall be emphasized throughout the public school curriculum by lessons, drills and physical exercises, and all pupils in the public elementary, middle, and high schools shall receive as part of the educational program such health instruction and physical training as shall be prescribed by the Board of Education and approved by the State Board of Health. Such health instruction shall include an age-appropriate program of instruction on the safe use of and risks of abuse of prescription drugs that is consistent with curriculum guidelines developed by the Board and approved by the State Board of Health.

2. That the Board of Education shall model the curriculum guidelines that it develops pursuant to this act after the curriculum adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach regarding drugs and the opioid crisis.