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HOUSE BILL NO. 1720

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice on January 25, 2019)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Hurst)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-251.1:1, relating to cannabidiol oil and THC-A oil; possession or distribution at school.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-251.1:1 as follows: § 18.2-251.1:1. Possession or distribution of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil; public schools.

No school nurse employed by a local school board, person employed by a local health department who is assigned to the public school pursuant to an agreement between the local health department and the school board, or other person employed by or contracted with a local school board to deliver health-related services shall be prosecuted under § 18.2-248, 18.2-248.1, 18.2-250, 18.2-250.1, or 18.2-255 for the possession or distribution of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil for storing, dispensing, or administering cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil, in accordance with a policy adopted by the local school board, to a student who has been issued a valid written certification for the use of cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil in accordance with subsection B of § 54.1-3408.3.

2. That the Department of Health Professions, in coordination with the Department of Education, shall develop and make available to school boards a standardized form that is to be completed by a practitioner who issues a written certification and a pharmaceutical processor that dispenses the cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil to a student. A completed form shall identify the student; specify the dosage of the cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil, the frequency in which it is to be administered, and any other circumstances that may warrant its use; and provide other relevant information.