

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.6, relating to public*
3 *schools; mental health awareness training required.*

4 [S 619]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.6 as follows:**8 ***§ 22.1-298.6. Mental health awareness training.***

9 *A. Each school board shall adopt and implement policies that require each teacher and other*
10 *relevant personnel, as determined by the school board, employed on a full-time basis, to complete a*
11 *mental health awareness training or similar program at least once.*

12 *B. Each school board shall provide required personnel the training required by subsection A and*
13 *may contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, a community*
14 *services board, a behavioral health authority, a nonprofit organization, or other certified trainer as*
15 *defined in § 37.2-312.2 to provide such training. Such training may be provided via an online module.*

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