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HOUSE BILL NO. 1504

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-272.1:1, relating to school-connected overdoses; policies relating to parental notification and response; requirements.*

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Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-272.1:1 as follows:

§ 22.1-272.1:1. School-connected overdoses; response and prevention; parental notification; requirements.

A. *As used in this section:*

"Overdose" means a life-threatening condition resulting from the consumption or use of a controlled substance, alcohol, or any combination of such substances.

"School-connected overdose" includes any verified overdose that (i) occurs on school premises during or after regular school hours or (ii) occurs during school-sanctioned activities whether on or off school premises.

B. Each division superintendent or his designee shall notify the parent of each student in the local school division of any school-connected overdose within 24 hours of learning of the overdose. The parental notification shall include as much information as is available at the time on:

1. The circumstances surrounding the overdose and cause of the overdose, including the name of the drug and any common street names associated with the drug that caused the overdose; whether the drug was a combination of controlled substances and, if so, the name of those controlled substances; and any identifying features of the drug, including color, markings, and form; and

2. The response to the overdose, including any actions taken by employees of the school board or emergency responders.

C. The Board shall establish guidelines for school-connected overdose response and parental notification policies to aid local school boards in the implementation of such policies. The guidelines shall include (i) a model action plan for each school board to follow in responding to any school-connected overdose, including communicating and coordinating with (a) the Department and (b) the applicable law-enforcement liaison or the local law-enforcement agency that, pursuant to § 22.1-280.2:3, employs such school division's school resources officers, and (ii) criteria for issuing the parental notification pursuant to subsection A to ensure sensitivity to the privacy interests of affected individuals and compliance with any applicable law, rules, or regulations relating to the disclosure and protection of a minor's personal, confidential, or otherwise sensitive information.

D. Each school board shall adopt, implement, and maintain policies consistent with subsection B and the guidelines developed by the Board pursuant to subsection C.

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