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HOUSE BILL NO. 3167

Offered January 19, 2007

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-46.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to lead poisoning prevention.

Patrons—Ebbin, Alexander, Carrico, Ingram, McClellan and Ward; Senators: Lambert, Locke and Miller

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-46.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-46.1. Board to establish protocol for identification of children with elevated blood-lead levels.

The Board shall promulgate regulations establishing a protocol for the identification of children at risk for elevated blood-lead levels which shall (i) require blood-lead level testing at appropriate ages and frequencies, when indicated, ~~and~~ (ii) provide for criteria for determining low risk for elevated blood-lead levels and when such blood-lead level testing is not indicated, *and (iii) require physicians to make available to parents information on the dangers of lead poisoning, along with a list of available resources, as part of regular well check visits for all children.*

As deemed necessary by the Board, the protocol may also address follow-up testing for children with elevated blood-lead levels, dissemination of the protocol or other information to relevant health care professionals, appropriate information for parents, and other means of preventing lead poisoning among children. In promulgating such regulations, the Board shall consider the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and may consider such other materials relating to lead poisoning prevention, testing, and treatment as it deems appropriate.

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