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HOUSE BILL NO. 2291

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-271.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to health requirements for home-instructed children; immunizations.

Patron—Sickles

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-271.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-271.4. Health requirements for home-instructed, exempted, and excused children.

In addition to compliance with the requirements of subsection B, D, or I of § 22.1-254 or § 22.1-254.1, any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of a child being home instructed, exempted or excused from school attendance shall comply with the immunization requirements provided in § 32.1-46 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the child has been enrolled in and is attending school.

Upon request by the division superintendent, the parent shall submit to such division superintendent documentary proof of immunization in compliance with § 32.1-46.

No proof of immunization shall be required of any child upon submission of (i) an affidavit to the division superintendent stating that the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the parent's or guardian's religious tenets or practices or (ii) a written certification from a licensed physician *or a licensed nurse practitioner* that one or more of the required immunizations may be detrimental to the child's health, indicating the specific nature of the medical condition or circumstance that contraindicates immunization.

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