

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

## CHAPTER 472

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

[S 619]

Approved March 25, 2020

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.6 as follows:**

***§ 22.1-298.6. Mental health awareness training.***

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

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