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## HOUSE BILL NO. 134

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 2.2-3313.1 and 22.1-273.5, relating to fentanyl and other opioids; awareness of and education relating to risks.*

Patrons—Convirs-Fowler, Coyner, Price and Watts

Referred to Committee on Education

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 2.2-3313.1 and 22.1-273.5 as follows:**

**§ 2.2-3313.1. Fentanyl Awareness Day.**

*The ninth day of May of each year shall be designated and known as "Fentanyl Awareness Day" in recognition of the need to raise awareness of the risks to health and safety that are posed by fentanyl and on which the Commonwealth, the governing body of each locality, and each school board shall seek to leverage all available resources to raise awareness of such risks, including as set forth in § 22.1-273.5.*

**§ 22.1-273.5. Department; education materials concerning risks of opioids.**

*The Department, in consultation with such stakeholders and experts as it deems necessary or appropriate, shall develop and distribute to each school board age-appropriate and evidence-based education materials concerning the risks to health and safety that are posed by opioids, with a particular focus on the risk of death that is posed by fentanyl. In observance of Fentanyl Awareness Day as established pursuant to § 2.2-3313.1, each school board shall ensure that such materials are distributed to or incorporated into instructional programs for students enrolled in the local school division.*

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