

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 32.1-2, 32.1-11.3, and 32.1-11.4, of the Code of Virginia, relating to*
3 *disease prevention and education, particularly as related to osteoporosis.*

4 [H 1689]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That §§ 32.1-2, 32.1-11.3, and 32.1-11.4 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as**
8 **follows:**

9 § 32.1-2. Finding and purpose.

10 The General Assembly finds that the protection, improvement and preservation of the public health
11 and of the environment are essential to the general welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth. For
12 this reason, the State Board of Health and the State Health Commissioner, assisted by the State
13 Department of Health, shall administer and provide a comprehensive program of preventive, curative,
14 restorative and environmental health services, educate the citizenry in health and environmental matters,
15 develop and implement health resource plans, collect and preserve vital records and health statistics,
16 assist in research, and abate hazards and nuisances to the health and to the environment, both emergency
17 and otherwise, thereby improving the quality of life in the Commonwealth.

18 *This comprehensive program of preventive, curative, restorative, and environmental health services*
19 *shall include prevention and education activities focused on women's health, including, but not limited*
20 *to, osteoporosis, breast cancer, and other conditions unique to or more prevalent among women.*

21 § 32.1-11.3. Patient and community health education services.

22 The Board shall formulate a program of patient and community health education services to be
23 provided by the Department on a regional, district, or local basis. The program shall include services
24 addressing health promotion and disease prevention and shall encourage the coordination of local and
25 private sector health education services. *This program shall include information on the causes,*
26 *prevention, early detection, and treatment of osteoporosis.*

27 § 32.1-11.4. Board to establish worksite health promotion grants program.

28 With such funds as are appropriated for this purpose, the Board of Health shall establish the worksite
29 health promotion grants program. The Board may award grants for the provision of worksite health
30 promotion programs that may include, among other things, on-site health education and screening
31 efforts, information about health risk behaviors linked to preventable disease and disability, occupational
32 safety and health programs, and employer-sponsored physical fitness programs. *All such programs shall*
33 *include information on the causes, prevention, early detection, and treatment of osteoporosis.*

34 The Board shall appoint an advisory committee of specialists in the development and delivery of
35 health promotion and disease prevention programs for the worksite to assist in the establishment of
36 criteria for awarding such grants, the contents of the request for proposals, evaluation and ranking of
37 grant applications, and for making recommendations for grant awards.

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