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HOUSE BILL NO. 2637

Offered January 13, 2025

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-272.1:2, relating to Department of Education; mental health first aid training program.

Patrons—LeVere Bolling, Bennett-Parker, Glass, Helmer, Price, Shin and Willett

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-272.1:2 as follows:

§ 22.1-272.1:2. Mental health first aid training program.

The Department, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, shall develop a mental health first aid training program consisting of an adult component and an adolescent and youth component. The adult component shall focus on how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The adolescent and youth component shall be designed for adults who regularly interact with youth and focus on mental health, crisis management, and substance abuse in adolescents and youth.

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