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HOUSE BILL NO. 2774  
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health  
on February 13, 2025)  
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Singh)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-272.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Education; school-connected overdoses; policies relating to parental notification and response; requirements.*

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

**1. That § 22.1-272.1:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 22.1-272.1:1. School-connected overdoses; response and prevention; parental notification; requirements.**

*A. As used in this section:*

*"Overdose" means a life-threatening condition resulting from the consumption or use of a controlled substance, alcohol, or any combination of such substances.*

*"School-connected overdose" includes any verified overdose that (i) occurs on school premises during or after regular school hours or (ii) occurs during school-sanctioned activities whether on or off school premises.*

*B. Each division superintendent or his designee shall notify the parent of each student in the local school division of any suspected school-connected overdose within 24 hours of learning of the suspected overdose. The parental notification shall include as much information as is available on:*

*1. The cause of the suspected overdose, including the name of the drug and any common street names associated with the drug that caused the overdose; whether the drug was a combination of controlled substances and, if so, the name of those controlled substances; and any identifying features of the drug, including color, markings, and form;*

*2. Where the suspected overdose occurred and, if such overdose occurred on school premises, the name of the school at which the suspected overdose occurred; and*

*3. The immediate response to the suspected overdose by any emergency responders and employees of the local school board.*

*C. The Board shall establish guidelines for school-connected overdose response and parental notification policies to aid local school boards in the implementation of such policies. The guidelines shall include (i) a*

31 model action plan for each school board to follow in responding to any school-connected overdose, including  
32 communicating and coordinating with (a) the Department and (b) the applicable law-enforcement liaison or  
33 the local law-enforcement agency that, pursuant to § 22.1-280.2:3, employs such school division's school  
34 resources officers; and (ii) criteria for issuing *the* parental notification *pursuant to subsection B* to ensure  
35 sensitivity to the privacy interests of affected individuals and compliance with any applicable law, rules, or  
36 regulations relating to the disclosure and protection of a minor's personal, confidential, or otherwise sensitive  
37 information.

38 *D. Each school board shall adopt, implement, and maintain policies consistent with subsection B and the*  
39 *guidelines developed by the Board pursuant to subsection C.*