

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2025 SESSION

CHAPTER 189

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.7, relating to school boards; bleeding control programs; bleeding control kits.

[H 1700]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.7 as follows:

§ 22.1-274.7. School boards; bleeding control programs; bleeding control kits.

A. As used in this section, "bleeding control kit" means a first aid response kit that (i) contains at least (a) one tourniquet endorsed by the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care of the federal Defense Health Agency, (b) one compression bandage, (c) one bleeding control bandage, (d) one pair of protective gloves and one marker, (e) one pair of scissors, and (f) one set of instructional documents developed by the Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma and (ii) may contain other tourniquets and bandages similar to those described in clause (i) and any additional items that are approved by local law enforcement or first responders, can adequately treat a traumatic injury involving bleeding, and can be stored in a readily available kit.

B. With such funds as may be provided by the General Assembly for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act, each school board shall develop and implement a bleeding control program in each public elementary and secondary school in the local school division whereby the school board:

1. Requires bleeding control kits to be placed in each public elementary and secondary school building in locations designated by the division safety official or local first responders as being easily accessible;

2. Includes bleeding control kits in the emergency plans of the local school division and each public elementary and secondary school therein, including the presentation and use of such kits in all drills and emergencies;

3. Requires annual inspection of bleeding control kit inventories to ensure that materials, supplies, and equipment contained in the bleeding control kit are not expired and the replacement of any expired materials, supplies, and equipment as necessary; and

4. Requires each bleeding control kit to be restocked after each use and any materials, supplies, and equipment to be replaced as necessary to ensure that the kit contains all required materials, supplies, and equipment.