

HOUSE BILL NO. 462
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Education
on _____)
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cohen)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-274.2:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to certain health education; instruction on health care.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-274.2:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-274.2:1. Grade nine and grade 10 health education Standards of Learning; severe allergic reaction awareness training and health care literacy instruction.

The Board shall include in the Standards of Learning for health education for grade nine and grade 10 an:

1. An in-person or online severe allergic reaction awareness training that includes the following content:

4. a. The definition of and distinction between normal allergic reaction and anaphylaxis;

2. b. Types of allergens, including common and less common allergens;

3. c. The signs and symptoms of normal allergic reaction and anaphylaxis;

4. d. Treatments for anaphylaxis; and

5. e. The proper response to suspected anaphylaxis, including notifying the nearest staff member trained to respond to anaphylaxis and administer epinephrine; and

2. Health care literacy instruction for the purpose of helping students navigate the health care system efficiently and effectively that includes the following topics and content:

a. Navigating the health care system as a patient, including patient concerns such as understanding, communication, cost-effective utilization, digital access, finance, and insurance;

b. Accessing health information, including being able to find and retrieve reliable health information from various sources;

c. Understanding health information, including comprehending medical terminology, statistics, and instructions;

d. Evaluating health information, including assessing the credibility and relevance of health information sources;

e. Applying health information, including making informed decisions about health behaviors, treatments, and resources; and

f. Communicating with health care providers, including effectively communicating health concerns and

33 *questions to health care professionals.*