

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Board of Education to require health literacy instruction in grades nine and 10 and*
3 *remove any duplicative or outdated health instruction in the next regularly scheduled revision of the*
4 *Health Education Standards of Learning.*

5 [H 462]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. § 1.** *The Board of Education (the Board), during its next regularly scheduled revision of the Health*
9 *Education Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework, shall, in consultation with the School Health*
10 *Services Committee (the Committee) established pursuant to Chapter 64 (§ 30-409 et seq.) of Title 30 of the*
11 *Code of Virginia:*

12 *1. Develop a health care literacy program of instruction to be required in grades nine and 10 for the*
13 *purpose of helping students navigate the health care system efficiently and effectively and shall consider the*
14 *following topics and content for inclusion in such instruction:*

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

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

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

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

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

25 *f. Communicating with health care providers, including effectively communicating health concerns and*
26 *questions to health care professionals; and*

27 *2. Identify and remove from the Health Education Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework for*
28 *grades nine and 10 any instructional subjects or topics the inclusion of which is duplicative or outdated.*