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HOUSE BILL NO. 134

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health

on February 29, 2024)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Convirs-Fowler)

A BILL to direct the Department of Education to develop education materials and guidelines for school boards concerning risks of opioids.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Department of Education (the Department), in consultation with such stakeholders and experts as it deems necessary or appropriate, shall develop (i) age-appropriate and evidence-based education materials concerning the risks to health and safety that are posed by opioids, with a particular focus on prevention, identification of the signs of overdose, resources for supports, risks, and effects of addiction, and the risk of death that is posed by fentanyl and (ii) guidelines for school boards for incorporating the education materials developed pursuant to clause (i) into instructional programs for students enrolled in the local school division. The Department shall submit to the Chairs of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2024, the education materials and guidelines developed in accordance with the provisions of this act.

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