

SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO. _____

1 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.01:2, relating to school
2 boards; divisionwide plan for the care of students who are diagnosed with diabetes in schools
3 required.

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

5 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.01:2 as follows:**

6 **§ 22.1-274.01:2. School boards; divisionwide plan for the care of students who are diagnosed**
7 **with diabetes required.**

8 A. Each school board shall develop, amend as necessary, and implement a divisionwide plan for
9 the care, at school during normal school hours, of each public elementary or secondary school student in
10 the school division who is diagnosed with diabetes in order to ensure a safe and healthy learning
11 environment in which the opportunity for each such student to succeed academically is maximized. Each
12 such divisionwide plan shall:

13 1. Give consideration to and incorporate where appropriate the guidelines contained in the
14 Department's Diabetes Management in Schools: Manual for Unlicensed Personnel;

15 2. Ensure that any training, education, and professional development opportunities for licensed or
16 unlicensed staff relating to such care are properly tailored to the unique needs that are present in each
17 school in the local school division and the skills and desires of the staff in each such school;

18 3. Prioritize opportunities for parental involvement in the process of providing care for such
19 students at school, including establishing processes and procedures for the submission and consideration
20 of Diabetes Medical Management Plans, the development of Individualized Health Care Plans in
21 collaboration with the school nurse or another qualified staff member, and the consideration of complaints
22 and the resolution of disputes relating to such documents or any other aspect of the provision of care for
23 such students at school;

24 4. Provide interested parents with opportunities to provide input on the development or amendment
25 of the divisionwide plan;

26 5. Include procedures by which the divisionwide plan shall be implemented and enforced in each
27 public elementary and secondary school in the local school division; and

28 6. Address such other matters as the school board deems necessary and appropriate.

29 B. The Department shall, alone or in consultation with such individuals or entities as it deems
30 appropriate, provide technical assistance to school boards upon request in the development, amendment,
31 or implementation of the divisionwide plans required pursuant to subsection A.

32 **2. That the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health, the School**
33 **Committee of the Virginia Diabetes Council, the American Diabetes Association, and such other**
34 **stakeholders as it deems appropriate, shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Diabetes**
35 **Management in Schools: Manual for Unlicensed Personnel and, no later than January 1, 2027, make**
36 **such changes as it deems necessary to ensure that such document is up to date and properly guides**
37 **and informs the development of divisionwide plans as required pursuant to § 22.1-274.01:2 of the**
38 **Code of Virginia, as created by this act.**

39 **3. That each school board shall develop and implement its divisionwide plan as required pursuant**
40 **to § 22.1-274.01:2 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, to become effective beginning with**
41 **the 2027–2028 school year.**

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