

# HB1473

## Fentanyl Education and Awareness One-sheet



Bill Patron: Delegate Nadarius E. Clark

### WHAT THE BILL DOES:

Requires the Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Department of Health to work collaboratively to develop a fentanyl education and awareness informational one-sheet and make this resource available to each school board for distribution to all grade 9-12 students within the first two weeks of the 2024-2025 school year.

### HOW DOES THIS IMPACT SCHOOL DIVISIONS?

This information will be given to students in grades 9-12 and will serve to promote awareness of:

- the dangers of fentanyl use;
- how to identify and avoid fentanyl;
- overdose prevention and preparedness;
- how to recognize the signs and symptoms of a fentanyl overdose; and
- resources for students who may need help or may know someone who needs help with a substance use disorder.

### WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

- The [It Only Takes One](#) initiative is a partnership between the First Lady of Virginia Suzanne S. Youngkin, and Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares and supports the “One Pill Can Kill” campaign. School divisions can find resources and data to protect Virginia youth from overdose.
- The Virginia Department of Health [Overdose Prevention webpage](#) provides valuable information to school divisions on opioid awareness, prevention, response, and training opportunities.
- The Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services (DBHDS) provides [REVIVE!](#) training to school divisions and other interested stakeholders. REVIVE! is the Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education (OONE) program for the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- The Virginia Department of Education [Preventing and Reducing Youth Substance Misuse webpage](#) provides resources for administrators and educators, resources for students and families, and data and research on substance abuse and treatment.

### WHAT ADDITIONAL ITEMS WILL BE RELEASED?

- The fentanyl awareness informational one-sheet will be released prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

## SCHOOL DIVISION NEXT STEPS:

- School divisions should review the fentanyl awareness informational one-sheet and disseminate to all students in grades 9-12 within the first two weeks of the school year.
- School divisions may consider facilitating conversations with students about the information contained in the fentanyl awareness informational one-sheet, such as during homeroom or on a particular day across all classes.
- School divisions may consider providing extra copies of the informational handout at parent-teacher conferences or Back-to-School nights with families.
- School divisions may consider sharing the fentanyl awareness informational one-sheet with athletic coaches and extracurricular coaches to keep them informed and to consider conversations with their students/athletes, where appropriate.
- School divisions should also consider disseminating the information through other effective avenues, such as social media and their website; and by displaying the informational one-sheet in common school areas (locker rooms, cafeteria, health suites, classrooms, etc.).

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