AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Casimiro, Lyle, Roberts, and Ackerman

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Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

16-21-37. Student health risks related to e-cigarettes.

(a) The department of education shall develop a health curriculum to provide all students, in kindergarten through grade twelve (12), with information on the health risks of electronic nicotine-delivery system products ("e-cigarettes").

(b) The department of education shall develop policies relating to tobacco-free school campuses that include e-cigarettes. Such policies shall include:

1. Protocols for confiscation of smoking products from offending students on school grounds, including school buses, athletic complexes and off-campus school sponsored events and activities;

2. Mandatory notification of parents or guardians of offending students;

3. Referral of offending students to school counselors or social workers; and

4. The opportunity for offending students to participate in smoking cessation programs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would require the department of education to develop a health curriculum to provide information on the health risks of e-cigarettes. Also, this act would require the development of policies to address the confiscation of smoking products, parental or guardian notification, counseling and participation in cessation programs.

This act would take effect upon passage.