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SENATE BILL NO. 431

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A *BILL to direct the Board of Education to recommend as best practice the shortest duration of quarantine possible for students and employees who contract COVID-19 and to develop and recommend to schools test-to-stay guidelines for use as an alternative to quarantine for students and employees who contract COVID-19.*

Patrons—Dunnavant and Reeves

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§ 1. That the Board of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health, shall (i) recommend as best practice the shortest duration of quarantine possible, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for students and employees at public schools who contract COVID-19 and (ii) develop test-to-stay guidelines for such schools and recommend such guidelines for use as an alternative to quarantine for such students and employees who contract COVID-19. All guidelines established pursuant to this act shall be immediately distributed to local school boards and shall reflect the most updated recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit the amount of time out of the classroom to be as short as possible, including no quarantine, as recommended for asymptomatic individuals who have been fully vaccinated either within six months or have a boosted vaccination status.*

2. **That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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