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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thomas
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 14, 2024

Subject: HB 2709 – Establishing Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week.

House Bill No. 2709 (HB 2709) would direct the State Board of Education (State Board) to designate a week during each school year as Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week for public schools that offer grades 6 through 12. The State Board would also develop statewide standards for instruction on the prevention of abuse and addiction to fentanyl and other opioids.

HB 2709 would also require each board of education of a school district to adopt policies and procedures to provide age-appropriate instruction on the prevention of the abuse and addiction to fentanyl and other opioids. Such instruction would include:

- Prevention of abuse and addiction to fentanyl and other opioids;
- Awareness of school and community resources available to help with abuse and addiction issues;
- Education on over-the-counter opioid antagonist medications and how to administer them;
- Health education on substance use and abuse.

If enacted, HB 2709 would become effective on July 1, 2024.