

## Web Quest Activity Using Legislative Tracking Tools

The participant will use the Virginia Legislative Information System to learn about laws and regulations that impact the practice of school nursing in Virginia. This activity will help the learner to become familiar with the process of searching the database for pertinent school health legislation.

### Background Information

The *Code of Virginia* (COV) contains the laws passed by the Virginia General Assembly. In some instances the law directs an agency to develop regulations on how the law will be implemented. The regulations are found in the Virginia Administrative Code (VAC).

To begin the activity, go to this Web address: <http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>

Under “Searchable Databases” click on *Code of Virginia*  
Type 22.1-274 into the search box. Browse the laws that direct health services in Virginia, answer each of the following questions and reference the subsection (s) upon which you based your answer:

- 1- Can teachers refuse to give medications to students?  Yes  No  
Subsection \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 2- How many employees must be certified in CPR and First Aid in buildings with 10 or more instructional or administrative staff? \_\_\_\_\_ Subsection \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 3- Are schools required to hire nurses to provide health care in the school setting? \_\_\_\_\_  
Subsection \_\_\_\_\_

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Type 22.1-270 into the search box. Browse the laws that describe the school entry physical exam and answer each of the following questions and reference the subsection(s) upon which you based your answer:

- 4- Do 7<sup>th</sup> graders entering your school division have to have a physical exam in order to enter school?  Yes  No Subsection \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 5- Is there an exemption for providing physical exams?  Yes  No Subsection \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 6- What do parents have to do if they object to their child having a physical exam:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
- 7- Do health departments have to provide physicals for students entering school?  
 Yes  No Are there any qualifications? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Click on the *Code of Virginia*  
Type the word “immunizations” in the search box.

8- Which of the Codes describes immunization requirements for children entering Virginia schools? \_\_\_\_\_

Search the *Code of Virginia* §22.1-271.2 and answer the following questions:

9- Is there a “grace period” for students to enter school without any immunizations?  
 Yes  No Subsection \_\_\_\_\_

10- What are the two immunization exemptions? \_\_\_\_\_  
Subsection(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Type the word “asthma” (without the quotation marks) into the search box and answer the following question and reference the subsection(s) upon which you based your answer:

11- Under what conditions may a student self administer asthma medications? List at least 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Type 32.1-45.1 into the search window and answer the following questions and reference the subsection(s) upon which you based your answer:

12- Should a school board employee who is exposed to blood or body fluids have the expectation that the person’s blood they were exposed to can be tested for HIV, Hepatitis B or C, and that they will be able to find out the results?  Yes  No  
(Read section H)

13- If the person whose blood the school board employee was exposed to refuses to have the test, what is the proper recourse? \_\_\_\_\_  
Subsection \_\_\_\_\_

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Click on the *Code of Virginia*  
Type 54.1-2969 into the search window, review section E and answer the following questions and reference the subsection(s) upon which you based your answer:

14- List 4 situations in which a minor is deemed an adult for the purpose of consenting to medical care: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15- In these situations does the minor have the right to authorize access to his/her medical record?  Yes  No Subsection \_\_\_\_\_

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Type the word “scoliosis” (without the quotation marks) into the search box.

16- What code are you referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

17- Does this code give you the specifics you need in order to develop a scoliosis screening program?  Yes  No

18- To whom did the legislators charge with developing regulations for implementing a screening program? \_\_\_\_\_

19- Based upon the “background information” included at the beginning of this activity, where would you go to look for specific information to develop a scoliosis screening program? \_\_\_\_\_

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Click on the Virginia Administrative Code. Type “scoliosis” (without quotation marks) into the search box. Browse the sections that outline the requirements in a scoliosis program and answer the following questions:

20- Which section of 8 VAC 20-690 describes what must be included in parent education information? \_\_\_\_\_

21- Do schools have to provide notice to parents regarding when screening will occur?  
 Yes  No

Make sure that you save the Legislative Information System in you “favorites” section on the internet for easy access.

The answer key for this activity may be found on the course homepage.