

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 8.2 of Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 a section*
 3 *numbered 32.1-69.4 and by adding a section numbered 54.1-2403.02, relating to information about*
 4 *umbilical cord blood.*

5 [H 85]
 6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 8.2 of Chapter 2 of Title 32.1 a**
 9 **section numbered 32.1-69.4 and by adding a section numbered 54.1-2403.02 as follows:**

10 § 32.1-69.4. *Publication of information regarding cord blood education.*

11 *In addition to the requirements of § 32.1-69.3, the Commissioner shall make publicly available, by*
 12 *posting on the public website of the Department of Health, resources relating to umbilical cord blood*
 13 *that have been developed by the Parent's Guide to Cord Blood Foundation and include the following*
 14 *information:*

15 1. *An explanation of the potential value and uses of umbilical cord blood, including cord blood cells*
 16 *and stem cells, for individuals who are, as well as individuals who are not, biologically related to a*
 17 *mother or her newborn child.*

18 2. *An explanation of the differences between using one's own cord blood cells and using related or*
 19 *unrelated cord blood stem cells in the treatment of disease.*

20 3. *An explanation of the differences between public and private umbilical cord blood banking.*

21 4. *The options available to a mother relating to stem cells that are contained in the umbilical cord*
 22 *blood after the delivery of her newborn, including (i) donating the stem cells to a public umbilical cord*
 23 *blood bank where facilities are available; (ii) storing the stem cells in a private family umbilical cord*
 24 *blood bank for use by immediate and extended family members; (iii) storing the stem cells for immediate*
 25 *or extended family members through a family or sibling donor banking program that provides free*
 26 *collection, processing, and storage where there is an existing medical need; and (iv) discarding the stem*
 27 *cells.*

28 5. *The medical processes involved in the collection of cord blood.*

29 6. *Medical or family history criteria that can impact a family's consideration of umbilical cord blood*
 30 *banking, including the likelihood of using a baby's cord blood to serve as a match for a family member*
 31 *who has a medical condition.*

32 7. *Options for ownership and future use of donated umbilical cord blood.*

33 8. *The average cost of public and private umbilical cord blood banking.*

34 9. *The availability of public and private cord blood banks to Virginians, including (i) a list of public*
 35 *cord blood banks and the hospitals served by such banks; (ii) a list of private cord blood banks that are*
 36 *available; and (iii) the availability of free family banking and sibling donor programs where there is an*
 37 *existing medical need by a family member.*

38 10. *An explanation of which racial and ethnic groups are in particular need of publicly donated cord*
 39 *blood samples based upon medical data developed by the U.S. Health Resources and Services*
 40 *Administration.*

41 § 54.1-2403.02. *Prenatal education; cord blood banking.*

42 *Every practitioner licensed pursuant to this subtitle who renders prenatal care, including any holder*
 43 *of a multistate licensure privilege to practice nursing, regardless of the site of such practice, shall, prior*
 44 *to the beginning of his patient's third trimester of pregnancy or, if later, at the first visit of such*
 45 *pregnant woman to the provider, make available to the patient information developed pursuant to*
 46 *subsection A of § 32.1-69.4 relating to the women's options with respect to umbilical cord blood*
 47 *banking.*