

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18-34-1

## §18-34-1. Laken's Law.

(a) The Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Education Act or “Laken’s Law” would help prevent overdose deaths in teens and young adults due to fentanyl and fentanyl components. This shall be accomplished through education of students in grades 6-12 in all public schools and be mandated annually using the following methods:

- (1) Students will be taught about fentanyl, heroin, and opioids awareness, prevention, and abuse;
  - (2) Students will be instructed in the life-saving use of FDA-approved opioid reversal agents;
  - (3) Students will be instructed on the prevention of the abuse of and addiction to fentanyl;
  - (4) Students will be instructed on available state and community resources and organizations that work to prevent and reduce youth substance use; and
  - (5) Students will receive health education covering the issues of substance abuse and youth substance abuse in particular.
- (b) This mandatory instruction will begin in the 2024-2025 school year.