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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1226**

Offered January 24, 2000

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-215.1, relating to the publication of procedure for changing special education placements.*

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Referred to Committee on Education

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-215.1 as follows:**

*§22.1-215.1. Publication of procedure for changing special education placements.*

*Effective, July 1, 2000, the Board of Education shall publicize and disseminate widely information regarding the rights of parents to (i) reject and contest the special education placement committee's recommendation that a child be placed in a special education program, and (ii) withdraw the child from a special education program, whether or not the three-year-period prior to the evaluation of the child's placement has elapsed, and whenever it is determined by the parent that the child's placement in a special education program was unwarranted and grounds to continue such placement cannot be justified to the satisfaction of the parent.*

*B. The Board of Education shall establish procedures within Board regulations governing special education programs that provide parents who reject or contest the placement of a child in a special education program, or who withdraw a child from a special education program as provided in subsection A, protection from improper or unethical persuasion, inducement, or influence to reconsider or reverse his position.*

**2. That the Board of Education shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.**

**3. That the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall apprise local school boards of the provisions of this act by Superintendent's Administrative Memorandum no later than 30 days after its enactment.**

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