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HOUSE BILL NO. 1499

House Amendments in [] — February 14, 2000

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-390.1, relating to school records as evidence.

Patrons—Devolites, Dillard, McClure, McQuigg and Rust

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 8.01-390.1 as follows:

§ 8.01-390.1 School records as evidence.

Copies of school records solely related to attendance, transcripts or grades of a minor [shall be received as evidence] in any matter involving the custody of that minor or the termination of parental rights of that minor's parents [~~shall be received as evidence~~], provided that such copies are authenticated to be true copies by the custodian thereof. An affidavit signed by the custodian of such records, stating that such records are true and accurate copies of such records shall be valid authentication for the purposes of this section. [Except for copies of report cards and letters previously sent to parents,] subjective information, including observations, comments or opinions shall be redacted [, by the court,] from any records prior to admittance of the records into evidence pursuant to this section.

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