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SENATE BILL NO. 545

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations)

on March 6, 2000)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Marye)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-98.1, relating to the Extended School Year Incentive Program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-98.1 as follows:

§ 22.1-98.1. Extended School Year Incentive Program.

From such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose and from such gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds as may be received on its behalf, there is hereby established the Extended School Year Incentive Program, hereinafter referred to as the "Program," to be administered by the Board of Education.

In accordance with the appropriation act, any funds appropriated or otherwise provided for the Program shall be disbursed to award incentive grants to public school divisions for the operation of schools beyond the 180-day school year or 990 hours in any school year as required by § 22.1-98 and the Standards of Accreditation. However, the grants shall not be awarded to support summer school initiatives.

2. That the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of this act is included in the 2000 appropriation act, passed during the 2000 Session of the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor.