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A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-606 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the deferred compensation plan for government employees.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1666

Offered January 10, 2001

Patron—Callahan

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 51.1-606 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 51.1-606. Contribution to qualified participants.

A. A participating employer or, on behalf of the Commonwealth, the Department of Accounts or any agency of the Commonwealth not covered under the central payroll system, shall transfer funds from its appropriations to the private corporation or institution designated to hold investments under the plan or plans adopted or established by the participating employer pursuant to § 401 (a) or § 403 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The funds shall be held, administered and invested as provided for in the applicable document adopted for the administration of such contributions.

B. The amount credited on behalf of a qualified participant pursuant to this section shall not exceed, on a semimonthly basis, the lesser of fifty dollars or fifty percent of the amount that the qualified participant voluntarily contributes to the deferred compensation plan established under this chapter or to a plan established pursuant to § 403 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

C. The Board *or any participating employer* shall have the authority to establish a plan pursuant to § 401 (a) or § 403 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for the purpose of implementation of this section.

D. With respect to teachers as defined in § 51.1-124.3, the Commonwealth shall make transfers and credits authorized under subsections A and B of this section from all amounts that may be appropriated, from time to time, for such purposes. The Board shall administer any plans for teachers to which such appropriations are made.

2. That the Virginia Retirement System in conjunction with superintendents of local school divisions shall develop procedures for administering the provisions of this act.