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HOUSE BILL NO. 136

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-202.1, relating to the display of the United States flag in public school classrooms.

Patrons-Black, Athey, Janis, Lingamfelter, Marrs, Marshall, R.G. and Wright

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 22.1-202.1 as follows:

§ 22.1-202.1. Display of United States flag.

The flag of the United States shall be displayed in each public school classroom in the Commonwealth. Local school boards shall develop and implement policies to address the respectful display of the flag; classroom and assembly spaces in which the flag is to be displayed to facilitate instruction regarding the flag and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance pursuant to § 22.1-202; the identification of spaces, such as resource rooms and other areas, in which the flag need not be displayed; and such other issues as may be deemed necessary and appropriate.