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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 158**

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-208.02, relating to access to public school libraries by students receiving home instruction.

Patrons—Lingamfelter, Bell, Byron, Cole, Dudley, Hargrove and Sears

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 22.1-208.02, as follows:

§ 22.1-208.02. Access to public school libraries by certain students.

School boards shall adopt policies, consistent with their constitutional and statutory responsibilities for providing public education, to provide access to public school libraries for students residing in the school division who receive home instruction pursuant to § 22.1-254.1. The policies shall require that (i) daily access of a minimum of two consecutive hours during the regular school year be provided on a grade-appropriate basis; (ii) the home-school student reside in the attendance zone for the school whose library he desires to use; and (iii) that the parent of the home-school student submit evidence of residence and compliance with § 22.1-254.1. In addition, such policies shall establish procedures for compliance by such students with all relevant public school policies during library use and address the use of volunteers to help ensure the maintenance of order and effective library operations.