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HOUSE BILL NO. 794

House Amendments in [] — January 25, 2002

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-238 of the Code of Virginia, relating to certain textbooks.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Bolvin

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 22.1-238 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 22.1-238. Approval of textbooks and appliances.

A. The Board of Education shall approve textbooks suitable for use in the public schools and shall have authority to approve instructional aids and materials for use in the public schools.

Any school board may use textbooks not approved by the Board provided the school board selects such books in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board.

B. In [~~making selections for approving~~] basal textbooks for reading in kindergarten through [~~third~~ first] grade, the Board shall [~~establish~~ report to local school boards those textbooks with] a minimum decodability standard based on words that students can correctly read by properly attaching speech sounds to each letter to formulate the word at seventy percent or above for such textbooks.

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