

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-199.4, relating to the At-Risk*
3 *Student Academic Achievement Program and Fund.*

4 [H 1013]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-199.4 as follows:**8 *§ 22.1-199.4. At-Risk Student Academic Achievement Program and Fund.*

9 *A. From such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose and from such gifts, donations, grants,*
10 *bequests, and other funds as may be received on its behalf, there is hereby established the At-Risk*
11 *Student Academic Achievement Program, to be administered by the Board of Education, and a special*
12 *nonreverting fund within the Department of the Treasury known as the At-Risk Student Academic*
13 *Achievement Fund, hereafter referred to as the "Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of*
14 *the Comptroller, and any moneys remaining in such Fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to*
15 *the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on such funds shall remain in the Fund*
16 *and be credited to it.*

17 *The Department of the Treasury shall administer and manage the Fund, subject to the authority of*
18 *the Board of Education to provide for its disbursement. The Fund shall be disbursed to award*
19 *noncompetitive grants to public school divisions to implement research-based programs or programs*
20 *identified as best practices that are designed to (i) improve the academic achievement of at-risk public*
21 *school students on the Standards of Learning assessments; (ii) decrease the rate of dropout among*
22 *at-risk public school students; and (iii) increase the number of such students obtaining the advanced*
23 *studies diploma.*

24 *B. The amount of grants and required local matching funds shall be determined as provided in the*
25 *appropriation act.*

26 *Funds received through this Program shall be used to supplement, not supplant, any local funds*
27 *currently provided for at-risk programs within the school division.*

28 *C. The Board may issue guidelines governing the Program as it deems necessary and appropriate.*

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