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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1445**

Offered January 23, 2004

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-834 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school crossing guard; use of hand-held stop signs to control traffic.

Patrons—Howell, A.T., Alexander, BaCote, Baskerville, Drake, Ebbin, Fralin, Johnson, Melvin, Plum, Pollard, Van Yahres, Ward, Ware, O. and Watts

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

## 1. That § 46.2-834 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-834. Signals by law-enforcement officers and crossing guards.

A. Law-enforcement officers may assume control of traffic at any intersection, regardless of whether such intersection is controlled by lights, controlled by other traffic control devices, or uncontrolled. Whenever any law-enforcement officer so assumes control of traffic, all drivers of vehicles shall obey his signals.

B. Law-enforcement officers and uniformed school crossing guards may assume control of traffic otherwise controlled by lights, and in such event, signals by such officers and uniformed crossing guards shall take precedence over such traffic control devices.

C. Uniformed school crossing guards *equipped with hand-held stop signs* may control traffic at any marked school crossing, whether such crossing is at an intersection or another location.