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SENATE BILL NO. 1212

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A *BILL to direct the Board of Education to request a waiver from the duplicative provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act and to withdraw the Commonwealth from participation in the Act if the waiver is not granted.*

Patron—Hanger

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. A. Pursuant to § 9401 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the Board of Education shall seek waivers from compliance with those provisions of NCLB that are not an integral part of the Commonwealth's existing educational accountability system as set forth in the Standards of Quality, Standards of Learning, and Standards of Accreditation.

B. In the event that no waiver is granted, the Commonwealth shall withdraw from participation in the federal NCLB.

C. The Board of Education and Office of the Attorney General of Virginia shall bring suit against the United States Department of Education if, as a result of the Commonwealth's withdrawal from the voluntary NCLB, Title I funds that are not directly related to NCLB and that help children from low-income families meet challenging academic content and achievement standards are withheld.

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