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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-16.4, relating to the creation of a nutrition and physical activity best practices database.

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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 22.1-16.4 as follows:

§ 22.1-16.4. Nutrition and physical activity best practices database.

The Board of Education shall develop a nutrition and physical activity best practices database, to be maintained by the Department of Education. The database shall contain the results of any wellness-related fitness testing done by local school divisions, as well as information on successful programs and policies implemented by local school divisions designed to improve nutrition and physical activity in the public schools. This information may include (i) a description of the program or policy, (ii) advice on implementation, (iii) any assessment of the program or policy, (iv) a contact person from the local school division, and (v) any other information the Board deems appropriate. The database shall be readily accessible to all local school divisions in the Commonwealth and the Department of Health. While the Board shall encourage local school divisions to submit information to the database, no school division shall be required to submit information.

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