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HOUSE BILL NO. 1794

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-277 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the use of suspension for instances of tardiness or truancy.

Patrons—Brink and BaCote; Senator: Houck

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-277 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-277. Suspensions and expulsions of pupils generally.

A. Pupils may be suspended or expelled from attendance at school for sufficient cause; *however, in no cases may "sufficient cause" for suspensions include only instances of tardiness or truancy.*

B. Any student for whom the division superintendent of the school division in which such student is enrolled has received a report pursuant to § 16.1-305.1 of an adjudication of delinquency or a conviction for an offense listed in subsection G of § 16.1-260 may be suspended or expelled from school attendance pursuant to this article.

C. The authority provided in § 22.1-276.2 for teachers to remove students from their classes in certain instances of disruptive behavior shall not be interpreted to affect the operation of §§ 22.1-277.04, 22.1-277.05, or § 22.1-277.06.

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