

## 2009 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1923

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-243 of the Code of Virginia, relating to textbooks.*

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Referred to Committee on Education

#### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

#### 1. That § 22.1-243 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-243. Distribution of textbooks; charges for loss or damage; consumable materials.

A. Each school board shall provide, free of charge, such textbooks required for courses of instruction for each child attending public schools. *However, a local school board may assess a reasonable fee or charge for damages or loss of school property when such property has been provided to students without charge.*

B. Consumable materials such as workbooks, writing books, and drawing books may be purchased by school boards and either provided to students at no cost or sold to students at a retail price not to exceed seven percent added to the publisher's price. If sold, the local school board shall develop a policy ensuring that workbooks, writing books, and drawing books are furnished to students who are unable to afford them at a reduced price or free of charge.

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