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HOUSE BILL NO. 1942

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on Education

on January 21, 2009)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Peace)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-212.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to single-sex education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-212.1:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-212.1:1. Single-sex education.

Consistent with constitutional principles, a school board may establish a single-sex elasses school or class in the public schools of the school division, if the school board makes available to pupils substantially equal coeducational schools or classes. Participation in such single-sex school or class shall not be required by the school division, and the school board shall ensure that participation by pupils in the single-sex school or class is voluntary. For the purposes of this section, participation by a pupil in a single-sex school or class is voluntary only if the school division also makes available to the pupil a substantially equal coeducational school or class.