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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2406

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-390.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school records; self-authentication.*

Patron—Bulova

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

#### 1. That § 8.01-390.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8.01-390.1. School records as evidence.

In a proceeding where a minor's school records ~~relating to attendance, transcripts or grades~~ are material, copies of school records ~~solely relating thereto~~ shall be received as evidence in any matter involving the custody of that minor or the termination of parental rights of that minor's parents, provided that such copies are authenticated to be true copies by the custodian thereof. An affidavit signed by the custodian of such records, stating that such records are true and accurate copies of such records shall be valid authentication for the purposes of this section. Except for copies of report cards and letters previously sent to parents, subjective information, including observations, comments or opinions shall be redacted, by the court, from any records prior to admittance of the records into evidence pursuant to this section.

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