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HOUSE BILL NO. 2406

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice  
on January 30, 2009)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Bulova)

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

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 *such* 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, *or by the person to whom the custodian reports if they are different. All other school records in any matter involving custody or termination of parental rights may be authenticated to be true and accurate copies by the custodian thereof, or by the person to whom the custodian reports if they are different.* An affidavit signed by the custodian of such records, *or by the person to whom the custodian reports if they are different,* 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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