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HOUSE BILL NO. 491

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

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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 is 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.

C. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a school board to charge fees for instructional materials, textbooks, or other materials used by a school board employee that are not directly used by a public school student.*

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