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A BILL to establish safety standards for anchoring movable soccer goals located in recreational areas.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Whereas, there are approximately 500,000 soccer goals in the United States; and
Whereas, many of these soccer goals are unsafe due to improper design, manufacture, or installation;
and

Whereas, problems also arise with the instability of movable soccer goals when they are unanchored,
not properly anchored, or not properly counterbalanced; and

Whereas, unstable soccer goals pose an unnecessary risk of tip-over to children who climb on the
goals or nets or hang from the crossbar and have the potential to cause catastrophic injury to persons
around the soccer goal; and

Whereas, according to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, at least nine children
under the age of 16 have died and approximately 2000 serious injuries have occurred as a result of
accidents involving movable soccer goals between 1998 to 2010; and

Whereas, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has promulgated Guidelines for
Movable Soccer Goal Safety; and

Whereas, the establishment of statewide guidelines for soccer goal safety will help to ensure the
safety of children around soccer goals at schools and other recreational areas; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

**1. § 1. The Board of Housing and Community Development shall develop guidelines for anchoring
movable soccer goals located in public recreational areas. As used in this act, "public recreation area"
means a publicly or privately owned area used by members of the public for recreational activities.**

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