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SENATE BILL NO. 580

Offered January 18, 2012

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-212.27 of the Code of Virginia, relating to state funding for students enrolled in virtual programs.

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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1. That § 22.1-212.27 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-212.27. Students enrolled in online courses and virtual programs.

A. Any student enrolled in any online course or virtual program offered by a local school division shall be enrolled in a public school in Virginia as provided in § 22.1-3.1.

B. A student's parent or guardian shall give written permission prior to the enrollment of the student in any full-time virtual program offered by a local school division.

C. A student shall not be charged tuition for enrolling in any online course or virtual program offered by the school division in which he resides, pursuant to § 22.1-3. However, tuition may be charged to students who do not reside within the boundaries of the school division offering such course or program, pursuant to § 22.1-5.

D. A local school board that either is a multidivision online provider or contracts with a private or nonprofit multidivision online provider shall receive the proportionate share of direct aid for public education for full-time students enrolled in a virtual program provided by the multidivision online provider. The amount of state funds provided to that school board for such students shall be based on the jurisdiction of residence of each student. No state funds shall be provided to that local school board for students who are not residents of that jurisdiction and who are enrolled in one or more online courses but not in a full-time virtual program.