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HOUSE BILL NO. 1674

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-212.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board of Education; releases from state regulations.

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Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 22.1-212.7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 22.1-212.7. Contracts for public charter schools; release from certain policies and regulations.**

An approved charter application shall constitute an agreement, and its terms shall be the terms of a contract between the public charter school and the local school board or, in the case of a regional public charter school, between the regional public charter school and the relevant school boards. The contract between the public charter school and the local school board or relevant school boards shall reflect all agreements regarding the release of the public charter school from school division policies. Such contract between the public charter school and the local school board or relevant school boards shall reflect all requests for release of the public charter school from state regulations, consistent with the requirements of subsection B of § 22.1-212.6. The local school board or relevant school boards, on behalf of the public charter school, shall request such releases from the Board of Education. In addition to any such releases granted by the Board, all purchases made by a public charter school shall be exempt from the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.), unless otherwise negotiated by contract.

If the Board grants a release to a charter school pursuant to this section, the Board shall also grant such a release to each public elementary or secondary school in the same local school division. The respective local school board may apply any such release to any public elementary or secondary school within the local school division.

If the charter application proposes a program to increase the educational opportunities for at-risk students, including those proposals for residential charter schools for at-risk students, the local school board or relevant school boards, as the case may be, on behalf of the public charter school, shall also request that the Board of Education approve an Individual School Accreditation Plan for the evaluation of the performance of the school as authorized by the Standards of Accreditation pursuant to 8 VAC 20-131-280 C of the Virginia Administrative Code.

Any material revision of the terms of the contract may be made only with the approval of the local school board or relevant school boards and the management committee of the public charter school.

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