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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2287** 

Offered January 16, 2013

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-271.1:1, relating to local school boards; mental health first aid training plan.

Patrons—Krupicka, Lopez, O'Bannon, Yost, Bulova, Crockett-Stark, Helsel, Hodges, Pogge and Scott, J.M.

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-271.1:1 as follows: § 22.1-271.1:1. Mental health first aid training plan.

With such funds as may be appropriated for this purpose, each local school board, in conjunction with a local community services board located in the local school division, shall develop a mental health first aid training plan that provides mental health first aid training for teachers employed in the public elementary and secondary schools of the local school division. Such mental health first aid training shall, at least initially, be provided by four local community services board staff members in each health planning region, as defined in § 32.1-102.1, who shall deliver a 12-hour interactive course to train teachers in the risk factors, warning signs, symptoms, and treatment of depression, anxiety disorders, trauma, psychotic disorders, eating disorders, and substance use disorders.

2. That each local school board shall seek to complete development of its mental health first aid training plan no later than July 1, 2014.