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SENATE BILL NO. 899

Senate Amendments in [] — January 28, 2013

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-177 of the Code of Virginia, relating to bumper stickers on school buses.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Reeves

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-177 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-177. Regulations.

The Board may make regulations relating to the construction, design, operation, equipment, and color of public school buses and shall have the authority to issue an order prohibiting the operation on public streets and highways of any public school bus ~~which~~ *that* does not comply with such regulations. Any such order shall be enforced by the Department of State Police.

Local school boards may, notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, display decals depicting the flag of the United States on the sides and rear of school buses as long as any such decal does not obstruct the name of the school division or the number of the school bus and is no larger than 100 square inches. In addition, local school boards may, notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, display decals relating to local school division bus safety hotlines. Local school divisions shall be responsible for the cost of the decals bearing the number of such safety hotline. Such decal shall not obstruct the name of the school division or the number of the school bus. *Local school divisions [shall may] display a decal on the rear of each school bus that states "We stop at railroad crossings" and that do not obstruct the name of the school division or the number of the school bus.*

No regulation of the Board shall unreasonably limit the authority of any local school division to purchase and use school buses using compressed natural gas or other alternative fuels or convert its school buses to use compressed natural gas or other alternative fuels.

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