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### HOUSE BILL NO. 198

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-277 of the Code of Virginia, relating to elementary and secondary school students; sufficient cause for suspension or expulsion.*

Patrons—Landes, Kory, Minchew and Robinson

Referred to Committee on Education

#### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

#### **1. That § 22.1-277 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

##### **§ 22.1-277. Suspensions and expulsions of pupils generally.**

A. Pupils may be suspended or expelled from attendance at school for sufficient cause; however, (i) in no cases case may sufficient cause for ~~suspensions~~ suspension include only instances of truancy, and (ii) except in cases pursuant to subsection B, an incident that occurs in any setting other than on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity shall not be deemed sufficient cause for suspension or expulsion.

B. Any student for whom the division superintendent of the school division in which such student is enrolled has received a report pursuant to § 16.1-305.1 of an adjudication of delinquency or a conviction for an offense listed in subsection G of § 16.1-260 may be suspended or expelled from school attendance pursuant to this article.

C. The authority provided in § 22.1-276.2 for teachers to remove students from their classes in certain instances of disruptive behavior shall not be interpreted to affect the operation of § 22.1-277.04, 22.1-277.05, or 22.1-277.06.

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