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**HOUSE BILL NO. 342**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-212.27 of the Code of Virginia, relating to students enrolled in online courses and virtual programs; tuition.*

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Referred to Committee on Education**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****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. *Each school division in which all elementary and secondary schools are fully accredited shall offer its online courses and virtual school programs tuition-free or at one-third of the normal tuition rate to students who do not reside within the boundaries of the school division and who attend public elementary or secondary schools that are not fully accredited.*

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