VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2015 SESSION

CHAPTER 372

An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-260 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-287.02, relating to student identification numbers.

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Approved March 19, 2015

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-260 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-287.02 as follows:

§ 22.1-260. Reports of children enrolled and not enrolled; nonattendance.

A. Within 10 days after the opening of the school, each public school principal shall report to the division superintendent:

1. The name, age and grade of each student enrolled in the school, and the name and address of the student's parent or guardian; and

2. To the best of the principal's information, the name of each child subject to the provisions of this article who is not enrolled in school, with the name and address of the child's parent or guardian.

B. At the end of each school year, each public school principal shall report to the division superintendent the number of students by grade level for whom a conference was scheduled as required by § 22.1-258. The division superintendent shall compile such grade level information for the division and provide such information to the Superintendent of Public Instruction annually.

C. For the purposes of this section, each student shall present a federal social security number within 90 days of his enrollment. The Board of Education shall, after consulting with the Social Security Administration, promulgate guidelines for determining which students are eligible to obtain social security numbers. In any case in which a student is ineligible, pursuant to these guidelines, to obtain a social security number or the parent is unwilling to present such number, the superintendent or his designee may assign another identifying number to the student or waive this requirement.

§ 22.1-287.02. Unique student identification numbers.

A. Neither the Department of Education nor any local school board shall require any student enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school or receiving home instruction pursuant to § 22.1-254.1, or his parent, to provide the student's federal social security number.

B. The Department of Education shall develop a system of unique student identification numbers. Each local school board shall assign such a number to each student enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school. No student identification number shall include or be derived from the student's federal social security number. Each student shall retain his student identification number for as long as he is enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school in the Commonwealth.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on August 1, 2015.