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HOUSE BILL NO. 333

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 22.1-131 and 22.1-132.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school property; priority use by youth groups federally listed as patriotic and national organizations.

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 Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That §§ 22.1-131 and 22.1-132.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**
§ 22.1-131. Boards may permit use of various school property; general conditions; priority.

A. A school board may permit the use, upon such terms and conditions as it deems proper, of such school property as will not impair the efficiency of the schools. The school board may authorize the division superintendent to permit use of the school property, including buildings, grounds, vehicles, and other property, under such conditions as it deems will not impair the efficiency of the schools and are, therefore, proper. The division superintendent shall report to the school board at the end of each month his actions under this section. Permitted uses of buildings may include, but are not limited to, use as voting places in any primary, regular or special election and operation of a local or regional library pursuant to an agreement between the school board and a library board created as provided in § 42.1-35.

B. *School boards shall give priority in the use of school property to any youth group listed as a patriotic and national organization in 36 U.S.C. Subtitle II, Part B, such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, and their affiliated groups and councils in the Commonwealth, in order to encourage public elementary and secondary schools in the school division to facilitate student participation in activities provided by such groups at times other than instructional time during the school day for the purpose of encouraging civic education.*

§ 22.1-132.1. Daycare programs in certain localities.

A. Upon agreement of the relevant governing body, a school board may establish day-care programs outside the regular school hours for students who attend elementary and middle schools. In order to be eligible to attend such programs, a student shall be enrolled in a public or private school or reside in the relevant school division. Such programs may be conducted before or after school hours or both.

B. The school board of the City of Petersburg may establish day-care programs during school hours for children of students who reside in the relevant school division and who are enrolled in a public school in the said city.

C. No state or local funds appropriated for educational purposes shall be used to support any programs established pursuant to subsections A and B of this section.

The school boards shall contract only with those agencies which are licensed or certified by the Commissioner of Social Services.

This provision shall not be construed to apply to programs implemented pursuant to *subsection A of § 22.1-131.*

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