17101457D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1888** 2 3 4 Offered January 11, 2017 Prefiled January 10, 2017 A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-919.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to use of wireless 5 telecommunications devices by persons driving school buses. 6 Patron—Hugo 7 8 Referred to Committee on Transportation 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 46.2-919.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 12 § 46.2-919.1. Use of wireless telecommunications devices by persons driving school buses. 13 No person shall use any wireless telecommunications device, whether handheld or otherwise, while 14 driving a school bus, except in case of an emergency, or when the vehicle is lawfully parked and for the **15** purposes of dispatching. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of (i) two-way

radio devices or (ii) wireless telecommunications devices used in a manner similar to that of two-way

radio devices to allow live communication between the driver and school or public safety officials

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authorized by the owner of the school bus.