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## SENATE BILL NO. 1517

Senate Amendments in [ ] — February 6, 2017

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-176 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school transportation; fees.*

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Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Black

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 22.1-176 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 22.1-176. Transportation of pupils authorized; when fee may be charged; contributions; regulations of Board of Education.**

A. School boards may provide for the transportation of pupils, but nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring such transportation except as provided in § 22.1-221.

B. When a school board provides transportation to pupils for extracurricular activities, other than those covered by an activity fund, ~~which that~~ are sponsored by the pupils' school apart from the regular instructional program and ~~which that~~ the pupils are not required to attend or participate in, the school board may accept contributions for such transportation or charge each pupil utilizing such transportation a reasonable fee not to exceed his pro rata share of the cost of providing such transportation. A school board may waive such ~~fees fee~~ for any pupil whose parent ~~or guardian~~ is financially unable to pay ~~them~~ it.

C. ~~When a school board provides transportation to pupils who [ do not live in the school division attends school outside the school division ] , the school board may charge each pupil utilizing such transportation a reasonable fee not to exceed his pro rata share of the cost of providing such transportation. A school board shall waive such fee for any pupil [ who receives special education services pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.) or ] whose parent is financially unable to pay it, including any pupil who is eligible for free or reduced lunch.~~

D. When a school board provides transportation to pupils for field trips ~~which that~~ are a part of the program of the pupils' school or are sponsored by such school, the school board may accept contributions for such transportation.

~~D. E.~~ E. The Board of Education shall promulgate such regulations as shall be in the public interest to effect the intent of this section.

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