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**HOUSE BILL NO. 176** 

A BILL to require the Department of Education to implement a pilot program to study the feasibility of the educational placement transition of certain students with disabilities.

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Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Department of Education shall develop and implement a pilot program in two local school divisions in the Commonwealth to partner with the appropriate school board employees in each such local school division to (i) identify the resources, services, and supports required by each student who resides in each such local school division and who is educated in a private school setting pursuant to his Individualized Education Program; (ii) study the feasibility of transitioning each such student from his private school setting to an appropriate public school setting in the local school division and providing the identified resources, services, and supports in such public school setting; and (iii) recommend a process for redirecting federal, state, and local funds, including funds provided pursuant to the Children's Services Act (§ 2.2-5200 et seq.), provided for the education of each such student to the local school division for the purpose of providing the identified resources, services, and supports in the appropriate public school setting.