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HOUSE BILL NO. 44

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-207.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to high school family life education curricula; law and meaning of consent.

Patrons—Filler-Corn, Bell, Richard P., Robinson and Yancey

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-207.1:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-207.1:1. Family life education; certain curricula and Standards of Learning.

A. Any family life education curriculum offered by a local school division shall require the Standards of Learning objectives related to dating violence and the characteristics of abusive relationships to be taught at least once in middle school and at least twice in high school, as described in the Board of Education's family life education guidelines.

B. Any high school family life education curriculum offered by a local school division shall incorporate age-appropriate elements of effective and evidence-based programs on (i) the prevention of dating violence, domestic abuse, sexual harassment, and sexual violence and ~~may incorporate age-appropriate elements of effective and evidence-based programs on~~ (ii) the law and meaning of consent. ~~Such age-appropriate elements of effective and evidence-based programs on the prevention of sexual violence may include,~~ including instruction that increases student awareness of the fact that consent is required before sexual activity.

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