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SENATE BILL NO. 229

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on January 25, 2018)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Hanger)

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-298.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school bus personnel; training program; autism spectrum disorders.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-298.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-298.3. Students with autism spectrum disorders; training required of personnel.

~~By September 1, 2014, each~~ A. *Each school board shall ensure that aides assigned to work with a teacher who has primary oversight of students with autism spectrum disorders receive training in student behavior management within 60 days of assignment to such responsibility. School boards may provide such training to other employees, including transportation employees.*

The Board of Education shall provide training standards that school ~~divisions~~ boards may use to fulfill the requirements of this ~~section~~ subsection.

B. *The Board of Education shall establish a training program for school board employees who assist in the transportation of students on school buses, including individuals employed to operate school buses and school bus aides, on autism spectrum disorders, including the characteristics of autism spectrum disorders, strategies for interacting with students with autism spectrum disorders, and collaboration with other employees who assist in the transportation of students on school buses. Each school board employee who assists in the transportation of students with autism spectrum disorders on school buses shall participate in such training program.*