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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1643

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.6, relating to teacher licensure; endorsement; Montessori method.*

Patrons—Hope and Kory

Referred to Committee on Education

### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.6 as follows:

#### **§ 22.1-298.6. Regulations governing licensure; Montessori endorsement.**

*In its regulations governing licensure established pursuant to § 22.1-298.1, the Board shall provide for licensure of teachers with an endorsement in the Montessori method of education. In establishing the requirements for such endorsement, the Board shall require, at a minimum:*

- 1. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education;*
- 2. Graduation from a teacher education program affiliated with the American Montessori Society or receipt of a certificate from the Association Montessori Internationale; and*
- 3. Employment by a school board in a teaching position for which the Montessori method endorsed by the American Montessori Society or the Association Montessori Internationale is the primary method of instruction.*

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