

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1729

Offered January 9, 2019

Prefiled December 19, 2018

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-291.1:1, relating to school counselors; staff time.*

Patrons—Landes, Bloxom, Byron, Campbell, R.R., Cox, Fowler, Head, Hugo, Kilgore, LaRock, Leftwich, Marshall, McGuire, McNamara, Murphy, Orrock, Peace, Ransone, Robinson, Rush, Thomas, Ware, Webert, Wilt, Wright and Yancey; Senators: Boysko and Favola

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 22.1-291.1:1 as follows:**

**§ 22.1-291.1:1. School counselors; staff time.**

*Each school counselor employed by a school board in a public elementary or secondary school shall spend at least 80 percent of his staff time during normal school hours in the direct counseling of individual students or groups of students.*

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