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HOUSE BILL NO. 1877

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 22.1-224 and 22.1-225 of the Code of Virginia, relating to adult education programs; year-round operation.*

Patron—Convirs-Fowler

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 22.1-224 and 22.1-225 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 22.1-224. Duties of State Board.**

The Board of Education shall:

1. Require the development of adult education programs *to be offered on a year-round basis* in every school division;

2. Encourage coordination in the development and provision of adult education programs between school boards and other state, federal, and local public and private agencies;

3. Promulgate appropriate standards and guidelines for adult education programs;

4. Accept and administer grants, gifts, services, and funds from available sources for use in adult education programs; and

5. Assist school divisions with all diligence in meeting the educational needs of individuals participating in adult education programs to master the requirements for and earn a high school diploma or to pass a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education.

§ 22.1-225. Authority of school boards.

A. Local school boards shall provide adult education programs, in compliance with subdivision D 8 of § 22.1-253.13:1, *on a year-round basis* for residents of the school division and, in their discretion, may charge appropriate fees to persons admitted to such programs.

B. With such funds as may be appropriated for the purposes of this article, school boards shall seek to ensure that every individual participating in such program has an opportunity to earn a high school diploma or pass a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education.

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