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HOUSE BILL NO. 2570

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-207.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to family life education programs; student participation.

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Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-207.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-207.2. Family life education programs; student participation; parental involvement.

~~Every~~ *A. No student shall participate in any family life education program without the prior written consent of his parent.*

B. Any parent~~, guardian or other person in the Commonwealth having control or charge of any child who is required by subsection A of § 22.1-254 to send such child to a public school shall have the right to~~ *may* review the complete family life curricula, including all supplemental materials, *to be* used in any family life education program *in a class in which his child is enrolled*. A complete copy of all printed materials and a description of all audio-visual materials shall be kept in the school library or office and made available for review to any parent or guardian during school office hours before and during the school year. The audio-visual materials shall be made available to parents for review, upon request, on the same basis as printed materials are made available.

C. Each school board shall develop and distribute to the parents ~~or guardians~~ of a student ~~participating in the~~ *enrolled in a class in which a* family life education program *is included in the curriculum* a summary designed to assist parents in understanding the program implemented in its school division as such program progresses and to encourage parental guidance and involvement in the instruction of the students. Such ~~information~~ *summary* shall reflect the curricula of the program as taught in the classroom *and shall include contact information for the individual or office responsible for maintaining printed and audio-visual materials*. The school division shall include the following information on the summary:

"Parents and guardians have the right to review the family life education program offered by their school division, including written and audio-visual educational materials used in the program. ~~Parents and guardians also have the right to excuse their child from all or part of~~ *No student shall participate in any* family life education ~~instruction~~ *program without the prior written consent of his parent.*"