

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-277.2:2, relating to
3 alternative education programs; data.

4 [S 1298]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-277.2:2 as follows:**8 **§ 22.1-277.2:2. Alternative education program data.**

9 The Department of Education shall annually collect from each school board and publish on its
10 website data on alternative education programs for students who have been suspended, expelled, or
11 otherwise precluded from attendance at school. Such data shall (i) be published in a manner that
12 protects the identities of individual students; (ii) be disaggregated by local school division and by
13 student race, ethnicity, gender, and disability; and (iii) include:

14 1. The number of students enrolled in alternative education programs pursuant to each of the five
15 clauses set forth in subsection A of § 22.1-277.2:1;

16 2. The number of students enrolled in alternative education programs who have received (i) a
17 short-term suspension, (ii) a long-term suspension, or (iii) an expulsion;

18 3. The current availability of various categories of alternative education programs available to all
19 students and not solely special education students, including full-day programs with on-site, in-school
20 teacher instruction; full-day programs with off-site, out-of-school teacher instruction; primarily virtual
21 instruction; home-based or home-bound instruction; partial-day instruction; and any other category that
22 the Department of Education may identify;

23 4. The average length of enrollment in an alternative education program per program during each
24 school year;

25 5. The number of students who transition within the same school year from an alternative education
26 program back into the school at which they were enrolled immediately preceding enrollment in the
27 alternative education program; and

28 6. Relevant student achievement data, as determined by the Department of Education.

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