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HOUSE BILL NO. 231 Offered January 8, 2020

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-217.2, relating to children with disabilities; alternative placements; state funds.

Patrons—Freitas and Cole, M.L.

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 22.1-217.2 as follows: § 22.1-217.2. Alternative placements; state funds.

Subject to such rules, regulations, or procedures as the Department of Education may establish, the parent of any child with a disability who is placed in a public school pursuant to his individualized education program who subsequently places his child in a nonpublic school setting shall receive from the school board, upon request, the applicable Standards of Quality per pupil state funds appropriated for public school purposes and apportioned to the school division, including the per pupil share of state sales tax funding in basic aid and any state per pupil share of special education funding for which the child is eligible, to pay for tuition and fees associated with such nonpublic school setting. Each such parent shall submit annually to the division superintendent an evaluation or assessment that indicates that the child is achieving an adequate level of educational growth and progress.