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HOUSE BILL NO. 352

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 11 of Title 52 a section numbered 52-50, relating to the Virginia Fusion Intelligence Center; school safety mobile application.

Patron—Davis

Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 11 of Title 52 a section numbered 52-50 as follows:

§ 52-50. School safety mobile application.

The Virginia Fusion Intelligence Center (the Center) shall develop or obtain a school safety mobile application to (i) facilitate the provision of free, confidential, real-time, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week crisis intervention services by licensed clinicians, including support or crisis counseling, suicide prevention, and referral services to students and youth in the Commonwealth through calls, texts, and online chat portals, and (ii) provide to students and youth in the Commonwealth a platform that is capable of receiving text, audio, images, and video to submit confidential tips concerning bullying, threats of school violence, and other school-related safety concerns. The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall provide the Center with data and other information necessary to ensure that the school safety mobile application is integrated with any existing crisis intervention phone hotline.

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