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HOUSE BILL NO. 2305

House Amendments in [] - February 1, 2021

A *BILL to require the Board of Education to issue guidance on the governance of academic year Governor's Schools.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Tyler

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Board of Education shall issue guidance on the governance of academic year Governor's Schools, including communication and outreach practices, admissions policies, and guidelines on diversity, equity, and inclusion training. Such guidance shall focus on the importance of increasing access to Governor's Schools for historically underserved students and shall include best practices on (i) conducting information sessions about the school and the availability of gifted, advanced, and specialty education program opportunities for feeder public middle schools; (ii) strengthening the student pipeline in feeder public middle schools, prioritizing the most underserved and underrepresented students and public middle schools; and (iii) conducting programs related to and evaluations of diversity, equity, and inclusion. In developing such guidance, the Board of Education shall collaborate with relevant stakeholders [representing the geographical areas served by the Regional Governor's Schools] , including local school boards [representing the geographical areas served by the Regional Governor's Schools] , Regional Governor's School boards, and Governor's School directors.*

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