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HOUSE BILL NO. 1034

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A BILL to direct the Department of Education to develop and each local school board to adhere to guidelines for the provision of counseling services in public schools.

Patrons—Ransone, Avoli and LaRock

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Department of Education (the Department) shall develop and each local school board shall adhere to guidelines for the provision of counseling services in public schools. Such guidelines shall include (i) provisions for parental consent; written parental notification; parental involvement, as appropriate; and confidentiality; (ii) procedures by which a parent may limit or prohibit his child's participation; (iii) appropriate exceptions to the procedures established pursuant to clause (ii) such as imminent need, health, or safety of the student or maintaining order in the school; and (iv) any other provision deemed necessary by the Department.