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SENATE BILL NO. 1463

Offered January 16, 2023

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 22.1-79.10, 42.1-10.1, and 42.1-36.2, relating to certain public libraries; books; sexually explicit materials; parental advisory label.

Patron—Chase

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 22.1-79.10, 42.1-10.1, and 42.1-36.2 as follows:

§ 22.1-79.10. Public school libraries; books; sexually explicit content; parental advisory label.

Each school board shall require a parental advisory label to be affixed to the front of any book that contains sexually explicit content, as that term is defined in subsection A of § 2.2-2827, and that is made available to minors in any public elementary or secondary school library in the local school division.

§ 42.1-10.1. Books; sexually explicit content; parental advisory label.

The Library Board shall require a parental advisory label to be affixed to the front of any book that contains sexually explicit content, as that term is defined in subsection A of § 2.2-2827, and that is made available to minors in the Library of Virginia.

§ 42.1-36.2. Public libraries; books; sexually explicit content; parental advisory label.

Any local governing body or library board that governs a free public library system or regional library board that governs a regional library system shall require a parental advisory label to be affixed to the front of any book that contains sexually explicit content, as that term is defined in subsection A of § 2.2-2827, and that is made available to minors in any public library in the free public library system or regional public library system, respectively.

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