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SENATE BILL NO. 637

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-251 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-252.1, relating to provision of textbooks and workbooks.

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Referred to the Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-251 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-252.1 as follows:

§ 22.1-251. Free textbooks, etc., for eligible children.

Each school board shall provide, free of charge, such textbooks and workbooks required for courses of instruction for each child attending public schools. ~~The~~ *whose parent or guardian is financially unable to furnish them. Children who are receiving public assistance in the form of aid to dependent children, general relief, supplemental security income or foster care shall be deemed eligible for the purposes of this section. In systems providing free textbooks, the cost of furnishing such textbooks and workbooks may be paid from school operating funds or the textbook fund or such other funds as are available. In systems operating textbook rental systems, school boards shall waive rental fees or, in their discretion, may reimburse the textbook rental fund from school operating funds.* The Board of Education shall promulgate regulations governing these systems.

§ 22.1-252.1. Free textbook and textbook rental systems.

Each school board is authorized and encouraged to establish a system for providing free textbooks or a textbook rental system in accordance with such regulations as may be promulgated by the Board of Education.

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