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HOUSE BILL NO. 650

Offered January 19, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-60 of the Code of Virginia, relating to appointment and term of school division superintendents.

Patrons—Van Yahres, Cooper, Diamonstein, Dillard, Hamilton, Jackson and Van Landingham; Senators: Couric, Houck and Woods

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-60 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-60. Appointment and term of superintendent.

The division superintendent of schools shall be appointed by the school board of the division from the entire list of eligibles certified by the State Board. ~~All contract terms for superintendents shall expire on June 30.~~ The division superintendent shall serve for an initial term of not less than two years nor more than four years. At the expiration of the initial term, the division superintendent shall be eligible to hold office for the term specified by the employing school board, not to exceed four years. *However, a school board, at any time during the term of any initial or subsequent contract, may amend such contract to extend the term of the contract for no more than four years from the date of such amendment.*

The division superintendent shall be appointed by the school board (i) ~~within sixty days before March 1 of the year in which the term of the incumbent division superintendent expires~~ or (ii) within 180 days after a vacancy occurs ~~other than by expiration of term~~. In the event a school board appoints a division superintendent in accordance with the provisions of this section and the appointee seeks and is granted release from such appointment prior to assuming office, the school board shall be granted a sixty-day period from the time of release within which to make another appointment.

A school board that has not appointed a superintendent within 120 days of a vacancy ~~occurring other than by expiration of term~~ shall submit a written report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction demonstrating its timely efforts to make an appointment.

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