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## SENATE BILL NO. 582

Offered January 22, 1996

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 7.1 a chapter numbered 7 consisting of a section numbered 7.1-42 and to amend the Code of Virginia by repealing § 22.1-212.1, relating to English as official language.*

Patrons—Barry, Benedetti, Bolling, Hanger, Hawkins, Miller, K.G., Newman, Norment, Potts, Quayle, Schrock, Stosch, Wampler and Williams

Referred to the Committee on General Laws

### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 7.1 a chapter numbered 7 consisting of a section numbered 7.1-42 as follows:**

#### *CHAPTER 7.*

#### *Official Language of the Commonwealth.*

*§ 7.1-42. English as official language of the Commonwealth.*

*English shall be designated as the official language of the Commonwealth of Virginia. No state agency, or local government shall be required to provide any documents, information, literature or other written materials nor any translators in any language other than English, except as otherwise provided by law.*

*School boards shall have no obligation to teach the standard curriculum, except courses in foreign languages, in a language other than English. School boards shall endeavor to provide instruction in the English language which shall be designed to promote the education of students for whom English is a second language.*

**2. That § 22.1-212.1 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**

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