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HOUSE BILL NO. 2147

Offered January 16, 1997

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-279.4, relating to participation in certain school activities by noncustodial parents.

Patrons—Katzen, Albo, Bryant, Drake, Dudley, Guest, Howell, Kilgore, Landes, Rollison and Ruff; Senators: Hanger, Quayle, Schrock, Trumbo and Williams

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-279.4 as follows:

§ 22.1-279.4. Participation in certain school activities by noncustodial parent.

Unless a court order has been issued to the contrary, the noncustodial parent of a student enrolled in a public school or day-care center shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in any of the student's school or day-care activities in which such participation is supported or encouraged by the policies of the school or day-care center. For the purposes of this section, "school or day-care activities" shall include, but shall not be limited to, lunch breaks, special in-school programs, parent-teacher conferences and meetings, and extracurricular activities.