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HOUSE BILL NO. 1270

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-209.1:5, relating to the Families in Education Incentive Grants Program and Fund.

Patrons—Crittenden, Barlow, Baskerville, Bennett, Brink, Christian, Darner, Diamonstein, Hall, Jones, D.C., Keating, McEachin, Moran, Robinson, Spruill and Van Landingham; Senators: Couric, Lambert, Maxwell, Miller, Y.B. and Woods

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-209.1:5 as follows:

§ 22.1-209.1:5. Families in Education Incentive Grants Program and Fund.

A. From such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose and from such gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds as may be received on its behalf, there is hereby established the Families in Education Incentive Grants Program, to be administered by the Board of Education, and a special nonreverting fund within the Department of the Treasury known as the Families in Education Incentive Grants Fund. The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller, and any moneys remaining in such Fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on such funds shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it.

The Department of the Treasury shall administer and manage the Fund, subject to the authority of the Board of Education to provide for its disbursement. The Fund shall be disbursed to award grants on a competitive basis to public schools, with no more than two grants awarded per superintendent's region, to support innovative family and community involvement programs designed to facilitate parents' creation of a supportive learning environment at home and increased involvement in classroom learning and school activities.

B. The Board shall establish criteria for making grants from the Fund and procedures for determining amounts for grants to eligible public schools. The Board may issue guidelines governing the Program as it deems necessary and appropriate.

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