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HOUSE BILL NO. 1287

House Amendments in [] — February 15, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-298 of the Code of Virginia, relating to study in gifted education for teachers.

Patrons—Christian, Crittenden, Darner, Day, Deeds, Hargrove, Hull, Jackson, Jones, J.C., Kilgore, McEachin, Melvin, Moran, O'Brien, Puller, Robinson and Shuler; Senators: Hanger, Howell, Lucas, Miller, Y.B. and Ticer

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-298 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-298. Regulations governing licensure.

The Board of Education shall, by regulation, prescribe the requirements for licensure of teachers. Regardless of the authority of any other agency of the Commonwealth to approve educational programs, only the Board of Education shall have the authority to license teachers to be regularly employed by school boards, including those teachers employed to provide nursing education. Such regulations shall include a requirement that every teacher seeking initial licensure take a professional teacher's examination prescribed by the Board. The regulations shall require persons seeking licensure on and after July 1, 2000, to have completed study in attention deficit disorder *and gifted education, including the use of multiple criteria to identify* [~~underserved~~] *gifted students*. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Board may provide for the issuance of a provisional license, valid for a period not to exceed three years, to any person who does not meet this requirement or any other requirement for licensure imposed by law.

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