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HOUSE BILL NO. 1289

Offered January 26, 1998

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-18.1, relating to gifted education programs.

Patrons—Christian, Behm, Crittenden, Darner, Day, Diamonstein, Hull, Jackson, Jones, J.C., Kilgore, McEachin, Melvin, Moran, Puller, Robinson and Shuler; Senators: Howell, Lucas, Miller, Y.B. and Ticer

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 22.1-18.1 as follows:**

§ 22.1-18.1. Programs for Gifted Education report required for funding; review by local gifted education advisory committees; use of multiple criteria for identification and Department periodic review required.

A. Effective July 1, 1998, the Board of Education shall require that each local school board submit the annual report, "Programs for Gifted Education," as required by Board regulations, to the Department of Education as a condition to receive state funding for the local gifted education program. The advisory committee on gifted education to the local school board shall review and affirm the annual report prior to its submission to the Department of Education. The report of the local advisory committee on gifted education shall be submitted by the school board together with its annual report to the Department of Education. Upon approval of the reports, the Department shall order the release of state funds appropriated to the local school division for its local gifted education program.

B. A school board shall require compliance with Board regulations governing gifted education relative to the use of multiple criteria for the identification of gifted students.

C. The Department of Education shall conduct an annual review of all local gifted education programs, on such date as it may determine, to ensure full implementation and compliance with federal and state laws and regulations for gifted education.

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