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HOUSE BILL NO. 1489

Offered January 13, 1999 Prefiled December 18, 1998

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 8.01-47.1 and 22.1-277.01:3, relating to immunity of school personnel and strip searches in schools.

Patron—Hull

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 8.01-47.1 and 22.1-277. 01:3 as follows:

§ 8.01-47.1. Liability of school personnel for certain searches.

Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 8.01-47 and 8.01-220.1:2, any teacher, instructor, principal, school administrator, school coordinator, guidance counselor, or other professional, administrative, or clerical staff member or other personnel of any elementary or secondary school who causes a student to disrobe fully or partially and be searched shall be liable for any civil damages incurred.

§ 22.1-277. 01:3. Strip searches prohibited.

No teacher, instructor, principal, school administrator, school coordinator, guidance counselor, or other professional, administrative, or clerical staff member or other personnel of any elementary or secondary school shall strip search a student.