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SENATE BILL NO. 1284

Senate Amendments in [] — February 3, 1999

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-205.1, relating to agricultural education.

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-205.1 as follows:

§ 22.1-205.1. Agricultural education.

[~~The~~ With such funds as may be appropriated, the] Board of Education shall develop and establish for the public school system guidelines for programs of agricultural education, incorporating the Standards of Learning for mathematics, science, vocational education, and other subject areas as may be appropriate. Each school board shall determine whether to offer such agricultural education programs. Only school divisions complying with the program guidelines established by the Board of Education shall be entitled to participate in the distribution of any state funds appropriated for such agricultural education.

[~~With such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose, there shall be established within the Department of Education positions for two coordinators of agricultural education. Such coordinators shall develop and revise agricultural education curriculum to incorporate the Standards of Learning, consistent with Board guidelines for agricultural education; conduct workshops for agricultural education instructional personnel; make site visits to the various public schools; and seek the input of agricultural industry representatives regarding the agricultural education program in the public schools of the Commonwealth. Such coordinators shall report to the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education within the Department of Education.~~]

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