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**1** **SENATE BILL NO. 637**
**2** Offered January 26, 1998
**3** *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-96.1, relating to*
**4** *computation of the composite index of local ability to pay.*
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**6** Patrons—Hanger and Trumbo; Delegate: Deeds
**7** ——————
**8** Referred to the Committee on Education and Health
**9** ——————
**10** **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
**11** **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-96.1 as follows:**
**12** *§ 22.1-96.1. Computation of the composite index of local ability to pay.*
**13** *The local school board of any school division that has a population of less than 5,000 and less than*
**14** *1,000 students in average daily membership may elect to use a population of 5,000 and an average*
**15** *daily membership of 1,000 for purposes of computing the composite index of local ability to pay. Each*
**16** *school board electing this option must notify the Department of Education of its intention to do so on or*
**17** *before January 1 of each year. The Department of Education shall compute the composite index for*
**18** *these school divisions by using such alternative population and average daily membership data, but*
**19** *shall not adjust the composite index of any other school divisions.*