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HOUSE BILL NO. 1135

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on February 28, 2008)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Fralin)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-203.3, relating to voluntary expression of religious viewpoints in public schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-203.3 as follows:

§ 22.1-203.3. Religious viewpoint expression; student expression.

Students may express their beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious content of their submissions. Such home and classroom work shall be judged by ordinary academic standards of substance and relevance and against other legitimate pedagogical concerns identified by the school.

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