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HOUSE BILL NO. 379

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 22.1-6 and 22.1-251 of the Code of Virginia, relating to permitted fees and charges.*

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Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 22.1-6 and 22.1-251 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-6. Permitted fees and charges.

Except as provided in this title or as permitted by regulation of the Board of Education, no fees or charges may be levied on any pupil by any school board. ~~Ne~~ A pupil's scholastic report card or diploma ~~shall~~ *may only* be withheld because of nonpayment of any such fee or charge *related to lost or damaged textbooks pursuant to § 22.1-251, so long as the parent is notified of the nonpayment in writing.*

§ 22.1-251. Free textbooks, etc., for eligible children.

Each school board shall provide, free of charge, such textbooks and workbooks required for courses of instruction for each child attending public schools. The cost of furnishing such textbooks and workbooks may be paid from school operating funds or the textbook fund or such other funds as are available. *In addition, local school boards may assess reasonable fees and charges for lost or damaged textbooks.* The Board of Education shall promulgate regulations governing these systems.

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