15101803D **HOUSE BILL NO. 1679** 1 2 3 4 5 6 Offered January 14, 2015 Prefiled January 9, 2015 A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-217.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to information on services for students identified as hearing or visually impaired; school division website posting. Patron—Bell, Richard P. 7 8 Referred to Committee on Education 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 22.1-217.01 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 § 22.1-217.01. Information on educational and other services for students identified as hearing 12 13 or visually impaired. 14

The Department of Education shall annually prepare and distribute to local school boards packets of information describing the educational and other services available through the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, and the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired to students who are identified as hearing impaired or visually impaired. Local school boards shall annually distribute post this information to on the school division's website and inform the parents of those students who are identified as hearing impaired or visually impaired of its availability. School boards shall ensure that packets of such information are available in an accessible format for review by parents who do not have Internet access.

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