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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1872**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-293.1, relating to schools denied accreditation or accredited with warning for two consecutive years; principal and assistant principal training program; release from policies and regulations.*

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Referred to Committee on Education**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-293.1 as follows:**

**§ 22.1-293.1. *Schools denied accreditation or accredited with warning for two consecutive years; principal and assistant principal training program; release from policies and regulations.***

A. *The Board shall develop a training program designed to impart to principals and assistant principals the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to oversee the improvement of student performance in public elementary, middle, or high schools that have been denied accreditation or accredited with warning for two consecutive years. Such training program may be developed in partnership with one or more institutions of higher education or other organizations that the Board deems appropriate. The Board shall develop criteria for determining successful completion of the training program.*

B. *The school board in any school division that contains a public elementary, middle, or high school that has been denied accreditation or accredited with warning for two consecutive years in which the principal and each assistant principal of the school has successfully completed the training program pursuant to subsection A may request, and the Board shall grant, release from (i) state regulations currently granted to any school in the school division pursuant to subsection H of § 22.1-253.13:3 or (ii) school division policies and state regulations currently granted to any public charter school in the school division pursuant to § 22.1-212.7 and subsection B of § 22.1-212.6. Such releases shall remain in effect for (a) five school years or (b) until such time that the principal or any assistant principal no longer meet the criteria for successful completion of the training program pursuant to subsection A or are not enrolled in such training program, whichever occurs first. Any such termination of a release pursuant to this subsection shall occur at the end of a school year. The releases may be renewed by the Board for additional five-year periods.*

C. *The Board shall publish on its website a current list of releases that have been granted by the Board pursuant to subsection H of § 22.1-253.13:3, § 22.1-212.7, and subsection B of § 22.1-212.6.*

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