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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1952

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-177 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the transfer and sale of school buses between local school divisions.*

Patrons—Poindexter and Lopez

Referred to Committee on Education

### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-177 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

#### § 22.1-177. Regulations.

A. The Board may make regulations relating to the construction, design, operation, equipment, and color of public school buses and shall have the authority to issue an order prohibiting the operation on public streets and highways of any public school bus that does not comply with such regulations. Any such order shall be enforced by the Department of State Police.

B. Local school boards may, notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, display decals depicting the flag of the United States on the sides and rear of school buses as long as any such decal does not obstruct the name of the school division or the number of the school bus and is no larger than 100 square inches. In addition, local school boards may, notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, display decals relating to school bus safety. Local school divisions shall be responsible for the cost of the decals. Such decal shall not obstruct the name of the school division or the number of the school bus.

C. No regulation of the Board shall unreasonably limit the authority of any local school division to purchase and use school buses using compressed natural gas or other alternative fuels or convert its school buses to use compressed natural gas or other alternative fuels.

D. Any local school board may, notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, sell or transfer any of its school buses to another school division as long as the school bus (i) conforms to the specifications relative to construction and design effective on the date of manufacture and (ii) is inspected and, if necessary, maintained by a component mechanic immediately prior to such sale or transfer.

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