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HOUSE BILL NO. 1116

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 22.1-203.4 and 23.1-401.1, relating to student voters; Virginia voter registration.

Patrons—VanValkenburg, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Gooditis, Guzman, Hope, Hurst, Levine, Lopez, Plum, Simon, Tyler and Watts

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 22.1-203.4 and 23.1-401.1 as follows:

§ 22.1-203.4. Public high schools; Virginia voter registration.

Each public high school shall provide to any enrolled student who is of voting age or is eligible to register to vote pursuant to § 24.2-403 (i) mail voter registration applications and voter registration information provided by the Department of Elections or (ii) access to the Virginia online voter registration system on a school-owned computing device that is accessible to such student. The principal of each public high school at which mail voter registration applications are provided shall ensure that at least one school board employee who is employed at the high school is trained in maintaining and providing access to such applications.

§ 23.1-401.1. Public institutions of higher education; Virginia voter registration.

Each public institution of higher education shall provide to any enrolled student who is of voting age or is eligible to register to vote pursuant to § 24.2-403 (i) mail voter registration applications and voter registration information provided by the Department of Elections or (ii) access to the Virginia online voter registration system (a) on a school-owned computing device that is accessible to such student or (b) through the institution's electronic course registration system. The chief executive officer of each public institution of higher education at which mail voter registration applications are provided shall ensure that at least one employee of the institution is trained in maintaining and providing access to such applications.

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