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SENATE BILL NO. 229

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-298.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school bus personnel; training program; autism spectrum disorders.*

Patron—Hanger

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-298.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-298.3. Students with autism spectrum disorders; training required of personnel.

By September 1, 2014, each A. Each school board shall ensure that aides assigned to work with a teacher who has primary oversight of students with autism spectrum disorders receive training in student behavior management within 60 days of assignment to such responsibility. School boards may provide such training to other employees, including transportation employees.

The Board of Education shall provide training standards that school divisions boards may use to fulfill the requirements of this section subsection.

B. The Board of Education shall establish a training program for school board employees who assist in the transportation of students on school buses, including individuals employed to operate school buses and school bus aides, on autism spectrum disorders, including the characteristics of autism spectrum disorders, strategies for interacting with students with autism spectrum disorders, behavior management, the use of positive behavior supports, the use of restraint and seclusion, appropriate responses to bullying and unexpected changes, and collaboration with other employees who assist in the transportation of students on school buses. Each school board employee who assists in the transportation of students on school buses, including each individual employed to operate school buses and school bus aide, shall participate in such training program.

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