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SENATE BILL NO. 76

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on January 11, 2018)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Favola)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-298.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Board of Education; teacher licensure regulations; education preparation programs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-298.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-298.2. Regulations governing education preparation programs.

A. As used in this section:

"Assessment of basic skills" means an assessment prescribed by the Board of Education that an individual must take prior to admission into an approved education preparation program, as prescribed by the Board of Education in its regulations.

"Education preparation program" includes four-year bachelor's degree programs in teacher education.

B. Education preparation programs shall meet the requirements for accreditation and program approval as prescribed by the Board of Education in its regulations.

C. The Board of Education regulations shall provide for education preparation programs offered by institutions of higher education, Virginia public school divisions, and certified providers for alternate routes to licensure.

D. The Board shall prescribe an assessment of basic skills for individuals seeking entry into an approved education preparation program and shall establish a minimum passing score for such assessment. The Board also may prescribe other requirements for admission to Virginia's approved education preparation programs in its regulations.

E. The Board shall establish accountability measures for approved education programs. Data shall be submitted to the Board on not less than a biennial basis.

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