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HOUSE BILL NO. 2144

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-290.2, relating to the establishment of the Duty-Free Lunch Grant Fund and Program.*

Patrons—Turpin, Bourne, Convors-Fowler, Gooditis, Kory, Krizek, Levine, Mullin, Rasoul, Reid, Rodman, Simon, Tyler and Ward

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-291.1 as follows:

§ 22.1-290.2. Duty-Free Lunch Grant Fund and Program.

A. *There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Duty-Free Lunch Grant Fund (the Fund). The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All funds appropriated for such purpose and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of awarding grants to school boards through the Duty-Free Lunch Grant Program established pursuant to subsection B. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.*

B. *The Duty-Free Lunch Grant Program (the Program) is hereby established for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis to school boards to provide teachers in the local school division with an uninterrupted lunch period during which they have no instructional, administrative, or other duties to perform. The Department of Education shall administer the Program and shall establish such guidelines and procedures as it deems necessary for the administration of the Program, including guidelines and procedures for grant applications, awards, and renewals.*

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