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SENATE BILL NO. 1472

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.6, relating to public schools; Mental Health First Aid training required.*

Patrons—Deeds and McClellan

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.6 as follows:

§ 22.1-298.6. *Mental Health First Aid training.*

A. *Each school board shall adopt and implement policies that require each teacher and other relevant personnel, as determined by the school board, employed on a full-time basis, to complete a Mental Health First Aid training or similar program.*

B. *Each school board shall provide required personnel the training required by subsection A and may contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, a community services board, a behavioral health authority, a nonprofit organization, or other certified trainer as defined in § 37.2-312.2 to provide such training.*

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