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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-135.2, relating to public schools; potable water.*

Patrons—Hayes, Jenkins and Samirah; Senator: Spruill

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-135.2 as follows:

§ 22.1-135.2. Potable water.

A. The Board of Education shall not approve the plans and specifications for a new school building, an addition to a school building, or an alteration of a school building estimated to cost \$50,000 or more contemplated by a local school board unless the plans and specifications provide for the following:

1. A minimum of two water bottle filling stations in each school;

2. A minimum of one drinking fountain or water bottle filling station on each floor and wing of each school building; and

3. A minimum of one drinking fountain or water bottle filling station for every 100 students projected to attend the school upon completion of the proposed construction.

B. Any water bottle filling station installed in a public school shall dispense filtered, clean drinking water; be regularly cleaned and maintained; and, if there is no drinking fountain on the same floor and wing as the water bottle filling station, be accompanied by a cup dispenser.

C. Any drinking fountain installed in a public school shall be equipped with a protective cowl; be equipped with a water spout at least one inch above the overflow rim of the drinking fountain; dispense filtered, clean drinking water; and be regularly cleaned and maintained.

D. The Board of Education shall amend its regulations to require local school divisions to allow all students to carry and utilize a water bottle while at school.

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