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## HOUSE BILL NO. 156

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-204.3, relating to the establishment of the Critical National Security Language Grant Fund and Program.*

Patrons—Sickles and Lopez

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 22.1-204.3 as follows:

#### **§ 22.1-204.3. Critical National Security Language Grant Fund and Program established.**

A. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Critical National Security Language Grant Fund, referred to in this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All gifts, grants, and donations from public or private sources 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 purposes of awarding grants on a competitive basis through the Critical National Security Language 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 Critical National Security Language Grant Program (Program) is established within the Department of Education for the purpose of awarding grants on a competitive basis to any school division that provides a foreign language course in a foreign language that is currently identified as critical by the National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship program.

C. Grants made by the Department of Education to a local school division pursuant to the Program are limited to \$5,000 per student who successfully completes a critical foreign language course per school year.

2. That the Department of Education shall maintain and periodically update a list of foreign languages that are currently identified as critical by the National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship program for the purposes of the Critical National Security Language Grant Program, as created by this act.

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