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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1722

Offered January 17, 2020

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-273.3, relating to the Department of Education; guidance and resources; applied behavior analysis services.*

Patrons—Roem, Ayala and Samirah

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 22.1-273.3 as follows:**

**§ 22.1-273.3. Department of Education; guidance and resources; applied behavior analysis services.**

*A. The Department of Education shall develop guidance and resources relating to the provision of applied behavior analysis services (ABA services) in public schools for students who are in need of such services.*

*B. The guidance and resources developed by the Department pursuant to subsection A may address:*

*1. Determining the need for and appropriateness of providing ABA services for students during the school day;*

*2. Considerations for school boards regarding management and monitoring of personnel who are not employed by the school board and who provide ABA services in public schools;*

*3. The financial responsibilities related to hiring and retaining personnel who are not employed by the school board and who provide ABA services in public schools;*

*4. Developing agreements between such providers of ABA services, families, and schools; and*

*5. Utilizing licensed behavior analysts employed by the school board to provide ABA services.*

**2. That the Department of Education shall develop and publish the guidance and resources as required by the provisions of this act no later than November 16, 2020.**

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