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HOUSE BILL NO. 697

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-79.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school meal policies.

Patrons—Roem, Bagby, Levine, Ayala, Davis, Delaney, Hope, Keam, Kory, Lopez, Rasoul, Samirah, Subramanyam and Ware

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-79.7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-79.7. School meal policies.

Each local school board shall adopt policies that:

1. Prohibit school board employees from requiring a student who cannot pay for a meal at school or who owes a school meal debt to *throw away or discard a meal after it has been served to him*, do chores or other work to pay for such meals, or wear a wristband or hand stamp; and

2. Require school board employees to direct any communication relating to a school meal debt to the student's parent. Such policy may permit such communication to be made by a letter addressed to the parent to be sent home with the student.

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