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A *BILL to require the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and medical professional societies, to develop and implement health and safety best practice guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools.*

Patrons—Hope, Helmer and Delaney

Referred to Committee on Communications, Technology and Innovation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and medical professional societies, shall develop and implement health and safety best practice guidelines for the effective integration of digital devices in public schools no later than the 2021-2022 school year. The guidelines shall be based on peer-reviewed, independently funded studies and shall at a minimum address digital device use for different age ranges and developmental levels, the amount of time spent on digital devices in the classroom, appropriate break frequency from the use of digital devices, physical positioning of digital devices in the classroom, the use of digital devices for homework, and recommended teacher training to ensure best practice implementation.*

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