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## SENATE BILL NO. 5021

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-212.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public schools; mandatory virtual learning; provision of required technology and Internet service; emergency.*

Patrons—Chase; Delegate: Cole, M.L.

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-212.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

#### § 22.1-212.1. Obligations of school boards.

A. Pursuant to § 1-511, school boards shall have no obligation to teach the standard curriculum, except courses in foreign languages, in a language other than English. School boards shall endeavor to provide instruction in the English language which shall be designed to promote the education of students for whom English is a second language.

B. If a school board requires students to engage in virtual learning for any reason, whether full time or part time, and a computer and Internet service to connect to the curriculum is required, then the school board shall provide appropriate technology devices to every student enrolled in the school system so they may access the learning platform. Additionally, if a student's family income is below 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, the school board shall provide adequate Internet service to the student's household at no cost to the student or the students' family.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

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