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HOUSE BILL NO. 2305

Offered January 19, 2021

A BILL to require the Board of Education to issue guidance on the governance of academic year
Governor's Schools.

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Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Board of Education shall issue guidance on the governance of academic year Governor's 10 Schools, including communication and outreach practices, admissions policies, and guidelines on 11 diversity, equity, and inclusion training. Such guidance shall focus on the importance of increasing 12 access to Governor's Schools for historically underserved students and shall include best practices on (i)13 14 conducting information sessions about the school and the availability of gifted, advanced, and specialty 15 education program opportunities for feeder public middle schools; (ii) strengthening the student pipeline in feeder public middle schools, prioritizing the most underserved and underrepresented students and 16 public middle schools; and (iii) conducting programs related to and evaluations of diversity, equity, and 17 inclusion. In developing such guidance, the Board of Education shall collaborate with relevant 18 19 stakeholders, including local school boards, Regional Governor's School boards, and Governor's School 20 directors.