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HOUSE BILL NO. 1918

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-207 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-205.1, relating to student driver safety.

Patrons—Mugler, Mullin, Hope, Keam, Mundon King, Plum, Rasoul, Samirah, Simon and Simonds

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-207 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-205.1 as follows:

§ 22.1-205.1. High school student parking passes; valid driver's license required.

Each public high school shall require any student who applies to obtain a pass to park a vehicle on school property to provide evidence that the student possesses a valid driver's license or driver privilege card. The Department shall develop, and each public high school shall utilize, a standard application form for students to use to obtain a pass to park a vehicle on school property.

§ 22.1-207. Physical and health education.

A. Physical and health education shall be emphasized throughout the public school curriculum by lessons, drills, and physical exercises, and all pupils in the public elementary, middle, and high schools shall receive as part of the educational program such health instruction and physical training as shall be prescribed by the Board of Education and approved by the State Board of Health. Such health instruction shall incorporate standards that recognize the multiple dimensions of health by including mental health and the relationship of physical and mental health so as to enhance student understanding, attitudes, and behavior that promote health, well-being, and human dignity. Such health instruction may include an age-appropriate program of instruction on the safe use of and risks of abuse of prescription drugs that is consistent with curriculum guidelines developed by the Board and approved by the State Board of Health.

B. *The tenth grade health education curriculum in each public high school shall include instruction on the dangers of distracted driving and speeding. The Department shall develop the curriculum for such instruction.*

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