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HOUSE BILL NO. 1272 Offered January 20, 2022

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-2.1, relating to public elementary and secondary schools and public school-based early childhood care and education programs; student instruction.

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Referred to Committee on Education

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-2.1 as follows: § 22.1-2.1. Provision of in-person instruction.

A. As used in this section, "in-person instruction" means any form of instructional interaction between teachers and students that occurs in person and in real time. "In-person instruction" does not include the act of proctoring remote online learning in a classroom.

B. Except as otherwise permitted in subdivision C 4 of § 22.1-98, each school board shall offer in-person instruction to each student enrolled in the local school division in a public elementary and secondary school for at least the minimum number of required annual instructional hours and to each student enrolled in the local school division in a public school-based early childhood care and education program for the entirety of the instructional time provided pursuant to such program.