23101044D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1696** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 11, 2023 Prefiled January 9, 2023 A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-291.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public elementary school teachers; daily lunch breaks; length. 6 Patrons—Simonds, Guzman, Maldonado and Rasoul 7 8 Referred to Committee on Education 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 22.1-291.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 12 § 22.1-291.1. Planning time and lunch breaks for public elementary school teachers. 13 14

Each school board shall ensure that all elementary school teachers in its employment are provided (i) at least an average of 30 minutes per day during the students' school week as planning time and (ii) one lunch break per school day that is at least 30 minutes in length and unencumbered by any teaching or supervisory duties but that may be shortened or eliminated in the case of a bona fide emergency relating to health or safety.

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