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HOUSE BILL NO. 2154

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-298.6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to mental health awareness training; school bus drivers.

Patrons—Guzman, Clark, Gooditis, Hope, Kory, Maldonado, Simon and Simonds

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-298.6 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-298.6. Mental health awareness training.

A. Each school board shall adopt and implement policies that require each teacher and other relevant personnel, as determined by the school board, employed on a full-time basis, *and each school bus driver employed in the local school division* to complete a mental health awareness training or similar program at least once.

B. Each school board shall provide required personnel the training required by subsection A and may contract with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, a community services board, a behavioral health authority, a nonprofit organization, or other certified trainer as defined in § 37.2-312.2 to provide such training. Such training may be provided via an online module.

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