24103548D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 495** 2 3 4 Offered January 10, 2024 Prefiled January 8, 2024 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 13.2 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 5 22.1-253.13:11, relating to Board of Education; Standards of Quality; Standards of School Safety. 6 Patron—Garrett 7 8 Referred to Committee on Education 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 13.2 of Title 22.1 a section 11 numbered 22.1-253.13:11 as follows: 12 § 22.1-253.13:11. Standard 8. Standards of School Safety. 13 14 A. The Board, in collaboration with the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety and such **15** other stakeholders as it deems appropriate, shall establish pursuant to regulation the Standards of School Safety for the purpose of assessing school safety in each local school division in the 16

safety as the Board deems appropriate.

B. The Board shall incorporate compliance with the Standards of School Safety as a school and school division accountability measure for the purposes of the Standards of Accreditation established in accordance with § 22.1-253.13:3.

Commonwealth and each school building therein based on such objective, quantifiable measures of

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