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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 5**
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations
4 on February 26, 2024)
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stanley)
6 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 22.1 a chapter numbered 28, consisting of*
7 *sections numbered 22.1-381, 22.1-382, and 22.1-383, relating to Science, Technology, Engineering,*
8 *Mathematics, and Computing (STEM+C) Competition Team Grant Program; established.*
9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
10 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 22.1 a chapter numbered 28, consisting**
11 **of sections numbered 22.1-381, 22.1-382, and 22.1-383, as follows:**
12 *CHAPTER 28.*
13 *SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTING (STEM+C)*
14 *COMPETITION TEAM GRANT PROGRAM.*
15 *§ 22.1-381. Definitions.*
16 *As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:*
17 *"Computing" means computer science, computational thinking, and computer coding.*
18 *"STEM+C" means science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computing.*
19 *"STEM+C competition team" means an extracurricular team-building activity that has a primary*
20 *objective of engaging students in STEM+C-related activities and may include participating in*
21 *project-based team competitions.*
22 *§ 22.1-382. STEM+C Competition Team Grant Program created; purpose.*
23 *The STEM+C Competition Team Grant Program is established to encourage interest in*
24 *STEM+C-related subject areas and support STEM+C extracurricular team-building activities in public*
25 *schools in the Commonwealth by providing grants for use in establishing or supporting STEM+C*
26 *competition teams.*
27 *§ 22.1-383. Board to develop and issue grant guidelines; application; administration.*
28 *The Board shall develop and issue guidelines for the general requirements of qualifying for a grant*
29 *and shall develop the grant application form. Such guidelines shall be exempt from the provisions of the*
30 *Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).*