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HOUSE BILL NO. 2556

Offered January 23, 1995

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-207.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to family life education.

Patrons—Cox, O'Brien, Hargrove, Katzen, Marshall, McClure, McDonnell, Nixon, Ruff, Way and Wilkins; Senator: Martin

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-207.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-207.1. Family life education.

The Board of Education shall develop by December 1, 1987, standards of learning and curriculum guidelines for a comprehensive, sequential family life education curriculum in grades K through 12. Such curriculum guidelines shall include instruction as appropriate for the age of the student in family living and community relationships, the value of postponing sexual activity, human sexuality, human reproduction, and the etiology, prevention and effects of sexually transmitted diseases. All such instruction shall be designed to promote parental involvement, foster positive self concepts and provide mechanisms for coping with peer pressure and the stresses of modern living according to the students' developmental stages and abilities. The Board shall also establish by December 1, 1987, requirements for appropriate training for teachers of family life education.

By December 1, 1987, the Board of Education shall provide the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance an analysis of the state and local fiscal impact of implementing a mandatory statewide family life education program and a recommended apportionment of state and local funding for such programs if not otherwise determined by law.

The implementation of any family life education program and the Board's standards of learning and curriculum guidelines for such programs, in whole or in part, shall be the option of each school division; however, no pupil under the age of eighteen shall be required or permitted to participate in any family life education program without written authorization from the pupil's parent, guardian, or other person having legal custody of such pupil.

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