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**HOUSE BILL NO. 270** 

Offered January 10, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.01 of Chapter 147 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962, which provided a charter for the City of Virginia Beach, relating to the department of education.

Patrons—Wardrup, Drake, McDonnell, Purkey and Wagner

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That § 16.01 of Chapter 147 of the Acts of Assembly of 1962 is amended and reenacted as follows:
  - § 16.01. COMPOSITION OF DEPARTMENT.
- (a) The department of education shall consist of the city school board, the division superintendent of schools and the officers and employees thereof. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the city school board and the division superintendent of schools shall exercise all the powers conferred and perform all the duties imposed upon them by general law.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law, special or general, to the contrary, effective July 1, 1996, the ministerial aspects of the payroll, accounting and purchasing functions of the department of education and the city shall be consolidated and shall be coordinated by the city's director of finance; however, this consolidation shall not be construed or implemented in any manner that would (i) divest the school board of its policy-making authority or its essential supervisory functions, or (ii) relieve the city or the school board of the legal obligation to manage and control their respective budgets.