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HOUSE BILL NO. 1656

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-212.2:5, relating to public secondary schools; interscholastic athletics; certain recruitment policies and practices prohibited.*

Patrons—Helmer, Keys-Gamarra and Rasoul

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-212.2:5 as follows:

§ 22.1-212.2:5. *Public secondary schools; interscholastic athletics; certain recruitment policies and practices prohibited.*

No school board employee, including any interscholastic athletics coach or director, shall implement any policy or engage in any practice whereby the employee (i) designates any secondary school student-athlete as homeless pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.), solely for the purpose of recruiting such student-athlete to transfer to the local school division to participate in interscholastic athletics or (ii) receives money or other things of value from any individual or entity, including any institution of higher education or any intercollegiate athletics program at such an institution, solely for the purpose of recruiting a secondary school student-athlete to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

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