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HOUSE BILL NO. 1674

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A BILL to direct the Board of Education to amend its regulations relating to the accreditation requirements for professional education programs in Virginia to provide an exemption for certain programs.

Patrons—Laufer, Simonds, Clark and Maldonado

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Board of Education shall amend its regulations in 8VAC20-543-20, relating to accreditation requirements for professional education programs in the Commonwealth, to require the Department of Education to grant, in writing, an exemption from the requirement to obtain and maintain national accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation to any professional education program that (i) leads to any of the administration and supervision and support personnel endorsements set forth in 8VAC20-543-570 through 8VAC20-543-640 and (ii) has a secured specialty area accreditation from a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.*

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