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HOUSE BILL NO. 2733

Offered January 17, 2025

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-23.6, relating to Department of Education; statewide mobile application for student reporting of suspicious activity.

Patrons—Higgins and Obenshain

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-23.6 as follows:

§ 22.1-23.6. *Statewide mobile application for student reporting of suspicious activity.*

With such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act or provided from any other source, the Department, alone or in partnership with another state agency or a nonprofit organization, or a combination thereof, shall develop or procure a multiplatform compatible mobile application that is made available at no cost to each public elementary and secondary school student and that permits each such student to report suspicious activity, including by attaching screenshots, other photographs, and videos, to the appropriate school and local law-enforcement officials for analysis and potential response. The Department shall assist each school board to coordinate student awareness of and access to such mobile application, but no school board shall bear any cost or additional administrative burden relating to such mobile application.

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