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Bill Number: HB2278

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Bill Title: School boards or division superintendents; review accessibility challenges in the local school division; report.

Bill Summary: Requires each school board or division superintendent, in consultation with the Virginia Disability Commission and such other stakeholders as it deems appropriate, to review the extent to which (i) public elementary and secondary school buildings and grounds in the local school division present physical accessibility challenges and barriers for individuals with disabilities, including challenges and barriers that may prevent such individuals from fully participating in school activities; (ii) challenges in access to programming and supports exist for individuals with physical disabilities at public elementary and secondary schools in the local school division; (iii) such schools have begun or plan to address and eliminate all such challenges and barriers; and (iv) state agencies can assist such schools to address and eliminate all such challenges and barriers and fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws. The bill requires each school board or division superintendent to report the findings of such review and any associated recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2025.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: Indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: The fiscal impact of this bill on the Commission is indeterminate. The bill as amended requires each school board or division superintendent to consult with the Disability Commission to review several components related to accessibility challenges in the school division. The extent of the consultation effort is not clear. However, the number of school divisions that will be required to conduct the review and the November 1, 2025, reporting deadline will necessitate effort and expertise that is not available within existing Commission resources.

Fiscal Analysis: See fiscal summary.

Other: None