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HOUSE BILL NO. 1806

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on February 6, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cohen)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.7, relating to students with disabilities; individualized education programs; individualized accommodations and supports during emergency situations and evacuations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.7 as follows:

§ 22.1-274.7. Students with disabilities; individualized education programs; individualized accommodations and supports during emergency situations and evacuations.

A. If deemed appropriate by the individualized education program (IEP) team, which includes the parent, the IEP implemented for a public school student with a disability in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., with the exception of such students who have been placed in private day or residential school settings, may contain language addressing individualized accommodations and supports for the student during emergency situations and evacuations. In developing such language, IEP teams should be supported by the school administration. Additionally, for initial IEPs, the IEP team shall discuss whether or not the student requires such accommodations and supports.

B. The Department shall provide guidance to local school divisions on how to support IEP teams for the consideration of specific supports required for students with disabilities, including students with mobility impairments, during emergency situations given the unique context of their disabilities in the educational setting. Such guidance shall include information relevant for IEP teams and applicable to Section 504 committees as determined appropriate.

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