

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 2777
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
4 on February 13, 2025)
5 (Patrons Prior to Substitute—Delegates Rasoul, Convirs-Fowler [HB 2772], and Coyner [HB
6 2291])

7 *A BILL to direct the Department of Education to review its current textbook review process to identify*
8 *opportunities to include high-quality instructional materials.*

9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

10 **1. § 1.** *The Department of Education (the Department) shall, in consultation with experienced teachers,*
11 *division-level content specialists, and subject matter experts, evaluate its current textbook review process to*
12 *identify opportunities to include high-quality instructional materials. Such review shall include an*
13 *assessment of challenges to current practices, opportunities for improvement, and identification of best*
14 *practices, including those in other states. The Department shall provide recommendations on improvements*
15 *that include (i) proposed revisions to the "Virginia's Textbook Review Process" document; (ii) improvements*
16 *to the selection and training process of Virginia review teams; (iii) increased opportunities for public*
17 *comment; and (iv) updates to Department procedures to support the textbook review process. The*
18 *Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate*
19 *Committee on Finance and Appropriations and House Committee on Appropriations by November 1, 2025.*