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HOUSE BILL NO. 2278
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Joint Conference Committee
on February 22, 2025)
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Price)

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6 *A BILL to require each school board or division superintendent to review accessibility challenges in the local*
7 *school division; report.*
8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
9 **1.** *§ 1. Each school board or division superintendent, in consultation with such other stakeholders as it*
10 *deems appropriate, shall review the extent to which (i) public elementary and secondary school buildings*
11 *and grounds in the local school division present accessibility challenges and barriers for individuals with*
12 *disabilities, including challenges and barriers that may prevent such individuals from fully participating in*
13 *school activities; (ii) challenges in access to programming and supports exist for individuals with*
14 *disabilities at public elementary and secondary schools in the local school division; (iii) such schools have*
15 *begun or plan to address and eliminate all such challenges and barriers; and (iv) state agencies can assist*
16 *such schools to address and eliminate all such challenges and barriers and fully comply with all applicable*
17 *state and federal laws. Each school board or division superintendent shall report the findings of such review*
18 *and any associated recommendations to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and*
19 *the House Committee on Education no later than November 1, 2025.*
20 **2. That, in conducting the review required pursuant to the first enactment of this act, each school**
21 **board or division superintendent shall consult and may utilize the methodology of the U.S.**
22 **Government Accountability Office as set forth in its June 2020 report GAO20-448, K-12 Education:**
23 **School Districts Need Better Information to Help Improve Access for People with Disabilities.**