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**HOUSE BILL NO. 290**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-264.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to false statements as to school division or attendance zone residency; penalty.*

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Patron—Anderson

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Committee Referral Pending

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

**1. That § 22.1-264.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 22.1-264.1. False statements as to school division or attendance zone residency; civil penalty.**

Any person who knowingly makes a false statement concerning the residency of a child, as determined by § 22.1-3, in a particular school division or school attendance zone, for the purposes of (i) avoiding the tuition charges authorized by § 22.1-5 or (ii) enrollment in a school outside the attendance zone in which the student resides, ~~shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor~~ *is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250* and shall be liable to the school division in which the child was enrolled as a result of such false statements for tuition charges, pursuant to § 22.1-5, for the time the student was enrolled in such school division.

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