

2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 721**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 13, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-1.1, relating to parents of public*
5 *school children; fundamental right to opt children out of certain educational content.*

6 Patron—Zehr

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8 Committee Referral Pending
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-1.1 as follows:**

12 *§ 22.1-1.1. Parents of public school children; fundamental right to opt children out of certain*
13 *educational content.*

14 *Consistent with § 1-240.1, parents of public school children have the fundamental right to opt their*
15 *children out, without penalty, of any instruction, reading, discussion, presentation, including any audio-*
16 *visual presentation, school assembly, or activity that includes any gender identity, sexual orientation,*
17 *transgenderism, or drag show theme or content, and the school shall make reasonable accommodations*
18 *during such opt-out period.*

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