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**HOUSE BILL NO. 721**

Offered January 14, 2026

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

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Committee Referral Pending

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

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

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

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

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