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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1186**

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4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-79.3:2, relating to school board*
5 *policies; prohibition on use of artificial intelligence chatbots for certain student instructional purposes.*

6 Patron—Rasoul

7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-79.3:2 as follows:**10 *§ 22.1-79.3:2. School board policies; prohibition on use of artificial intelligence chatbots for certain*
11 *student instructional purposes.*

12 A. As used in this section:

13 "Artificial intelligence system" means any machine learning-based system that, for any explicit or implicit
14 objective, infers from the inputs such system receives how to generate outputs, including content, decisions,
15 predictions, and recommendations, that can influence physical or virtual environments. "Artificial
16 intelligence system" does not include any artificial intelligence system or general purpose artificial
17 intelligence model that is used for development, prototyping, and research activities before such artificial
18 intelligence system or general purpose artificial intelligence model is made available to deployers or
19 consumers.20 "Artificial intelligence chatbot" means an artificial intelligence system that simulates human-like
21 conversations with the human user, through text or voice, by attempting to discern the intent of the human
22 user, learn from interactions with the human user, and deliver contextually relevant responses to inquiries
23 from the human user.24 B. In recognition of the fact that artificial chatbots are unreliable sources of information and that the use
25 of artificial intelligence chatbots decreases critical thinking skills and therefore impairs learning, each
26 school board shall develop, adopt, and implement a policy to prohibit any student from being required,
27 encouraged, or permitted to interact with an artificial intelligence chatbot in order to receive instruction or
28 otherwise complete any lesson or assignment in any course or class in which the student is enrolled in the
29 local school division.

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