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HOUSE BILL NO. 1404

Offered January 22, 2026

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-1400.1, relating to local governing bodies; appointment of youth representative.

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-1400.1 as follows:

§ 15.2-1400.1. Appointment of youth representative to governing body.

A governing body may by ordinance adopt procedures for the appointment of a youth representative to serve as a nonvoting member of the governing body. The youth representative shall be 15 to 17 years old at the time of the appointment and a resident of the locality, and shall serve for such term as the locality prescribes.