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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1486**

2 Offered January 23, 2026

3 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-206 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public schools; student*
4 *instruction; addictive potential of time spent using certain electronic devices.*

5 Patron—Rasoul

6 Referred to Committee on Education

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That § 22.1-206 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**9 **§ 22.1-206. Instruction concerning drugs, alcohol, substance abuse, retail tobacco products, hemp**
10 **products intended for smoking, gambling, and screen time.**11 A. Instruction concerning drugs and drug abuse shall be provided by the public schools as prescribed by
12 the Board of Education.13 B. Instruction concerning the public safety hazards and dangers of alcohol abuse, underage drinking, and
14 drunk driving shall be provided in the public schools. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority
15 shall provide educational materials to the Department of Education. The Department of Education shall
16 review and shall distribute such materials as are approved to the public schools.17 The Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth shall develop and the Department of Education shall
18 distribute to each local school division educational materials concerning the health and safety risks of using
19 retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking, as such terms are defined in § 18.2-371.2.
20 Instruction concerning the health and safety risks of using tobacco products and hemp products intended for
21 smoking, as such terms are defined in § 18.2-371.2, shall be provided in each public elementary and
22 secondary school in the Commonwealth, consistent with such educational materials.23 C. Instruction concerning gambling and the addictive potential thereof shall be provided by the public
24 schools as prescribed by the Board.25 D. *Instruction concerning time spent using electronic devices such as computers, cell phones, and other*
26 *smart devices and the addictive potential thereof shall be provided by the public schools as prescribed by the*
27 *Board.*

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