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**HOUSE BILL NO. 957**

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education  
on February 9, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Guzman)

*A BILL to require the Department of Education to direct each school board to encourage each public elementary and secondary school in the local division to promote or utilize the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline to address student bullying and cyberbullying.*

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

**1. § 1.** *The Department of Education shall direct each school board to encourage each public elementary and secondary school in the local division to promote or utilize the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline to address student bullying and cyberbullying, as such terms are defined in § 22.1-276.01 of the Code of Virginia.*

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