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**HOUSE BILL NO. 592**

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

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

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Simonds)

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-79.4:1, relating to public schools; wearable panic alarm systems.*

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-79.4:1 as follows:**

**§ 22.1-79.4:1. Wearable panic alarm system.**

*A. As used in this section:*

*"School security emergency" includes a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, medical emergency, or active shooter situation.*

*"Wearable panic alarm system" means a security system that is capable of being worn on the body of the user and by which the user manually activates a device that sends (i) a signal to the local 9-1-1 public safety answering point that indicates a school security emergency that requires immediate response and assistance from such public safety answering point and (ii) a multisensory schoolwide school security emergency notification, when appropriate.*

*B. Any school board may provide any school board employee in a public elementary and secondary school building in the local school division with a wearable panic alarm system.*

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