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SENATE BILL NO. 851

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.5-40 of the Code of Virginia, relating to persons with disabilities; nondiscrimination; integration.

Patron—Favola

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 51.5-40 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 51.5-40. Nondiscrimination under state grants and programs.

No person with a disability who is otherwise qualified shall on the basis of his disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving state financial assistance or under any program or activity conducted by or on behalf of any state agency. *Goods, services, facilities, advantages, and accommodations shall be afforded to a person with a disability in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the person.*