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SENATE BILL NO. 333

Senate Amendments in [] — February 16, 2010

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-348 of the Code of Virginia, relating to persons eligible for the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Patrons Prior to Engrossment—Senator Hanger; Delegate: Landes

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-348 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-348. Persons eligible; fees; educational programs to be provided; admissions procedures.

A. Persons of ages two from birth through ~~twenty-one~~ age 21 shall be eligible for educational services provided by the school. The Department of Education shall be entitled to deduct annually from the locality's share for the education of pupils with disabilities a sum equal to the actual local expenditure per pupil in support of those students placed by the relevant local school division in the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. The amount of the actual transfers shall be based on data accumulated during the prior school year. Fees for student activities may be charged at the Board's discretion.

B. From such funds as may be appropriated, the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind shall provide an educational program for children in preschool through grade twelve who are deaf, blind, or who may have sensory impairments and other disabilities, including intellectual disabilities.

The Board, from time to time, may approve additional programs as may be appropriate.

C. The Board shall prescribe procedures and criteria for determining admission to and the appropriate placement in the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. The appropriateness of the placement of each student attending the school shall be reviewed at least annually.

[2. That any additional fiscal impact pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be funded from existing appropriations to the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind.]

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