

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 1043
 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
 3 (Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
 4 on _____)
 5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Tran)

6 A BILL to direct the Department of Education to make recommendations on background check and
 7 training requirements for coaches, staff members, employees, and volunteers of youth sports
 8 leagues.

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

10 1. § 1. That the Department of Education (the Department) shall make recommendations regarding
 11 appropriate background check and training requirements for coaches, staff members, employees, and other
 12 volunteers of competitive sports leagues in which persons under the age of 18 participate. The Department
 13 shall (i) determine whether such persons should be subject to a background check and, if so, the
 14 components of such background check and applicable barrier crimes; (ii) determine minimal training
 15 requirements such persons should satisfy annually regarding evidence-based child abuse prevention and
 16 response; and (iii) identify appropriate methods for providing notice to such persons and parents of
 17 children participating in such sports leagues of the duty of all coaches, directors, and persons 18 years of
 18 age or older employed by or volunteering with the sports league to report suspected child abuse or neglect.
 19 The Department shall consult with child sexual assault victims advocates and youth competitive sports
 20 leagues in making its recommendations. The Department shall submit to the Governor and General
 21 Assembly a report of its recommendations by November 1, 2022. The report shall be submitted as
 22 provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of
 23 legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2023 Regular Session of the General
 24 Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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