

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 462
 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
 3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Education
 4 on _____)
 5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Runion)

6 A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 22.1-175.1 and 22.1-175.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia
 7 Public School Construction Grants Program and Fund; career and technical education programs
 8 eligible.

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

10 **1. That §§ 22.1-175.1 and 22.1-175.4 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

11 **§ 22.1-175.1. Virginia Public School Construction Grants Program established.**

12 A. For the purposes of this chapter:

13 "Public school buildings and facilities" or "public school buildings" includes any building or
 14 facility used for career and technical education programs provided at any regional comprehensive school
 15 established pursuant to § 22.1-26.

16 "School division" includes joint or regional schools established pursuant to § 22.1-26.

17 B. The Virginia Public School Construction Grants Program is hereby established to provide grants
 18 to eligible school divisions for school construction, additions, infrastructure, site acquisition for public
 19 school buildings and facilities, and renovations, including the costs of retrofitting or enlarging public
 20 school buildings; further, if a school division has completed any such projects during the previous ~~ten~~ 10
 21 years, the grants may be used for debt service payments or a portion thereof. The Program shall be
 22 administered by the Board of Education.

23 Local governing bodies may also establish a separate escrow fund for the deposit of such funds as
 24 provided in § 22.1-175.5.

25 **§ 22.1-175.4. Application for grants.**

26 All funds appropriated for financial assistance for the purposes of this chapter shall be apportioned
27 and distributed among the school divisions of the Commonwealth in accordance with eligibility and needs
28 criteria established by the ~~2000 Session of the General Assembly~~ Board.

29 **2. That the Board of Education shall update the guidelines it is required to issue pursuant to § 22.1-**
30 **175.3 of the Code of Virginia to explicitly clarify that grants provided to any qualifying school**
31 **division under the Virginia Public School Construction Grants Program may be used for**
32 **construction, additions, infrastructure, site acquisition, and renovations for buildings and facilities.**

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