

HOUSE BILL NO. 1556

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Brewer)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-280.2:5, relating to K-9 Detection Teams; permitted in public schools.

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-280.2:5 as follows:**

**§ 22.1-280.2:5. K-9 Detection Teams permitted.**

A. As used in this section, "K-9 Detection Team" means a safety assessment team that (i) consists of a canine and a canine handler who are trained specifically to detect explosives, firearms, narcotics, and tobacco products and nicotine vapor products, as those terms are defined in § 18.2-371.2, and (ii) is employed by a school board or hired by a school board on a contract basis to provide such detection services in public elementary and secondary schools in the local school division pursuant to a contract with an entity that is approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to train canines and canine handlers to provide such detection services.

B. Any school board may employ or hire on a contract basis a full-time or part-time K-9 Detection Team in any public elementary or secondary school in the local school division, provided, however, that the contract for such services clearly sets forth the powers and duties of the school board and the K-9 Detection Team relating to the detection services that the K-9 Detection Team provides.

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