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SENATE BILL NO. 1334

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health

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

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Hashmi)

A BILL to direct the Department of Education to develop and promulgate regulations to enforce a code of ethics for Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings relating to appropriate participation and collaboration.

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

1. § 1. That the Department of Education (the Department), in consultation with the disAbility Law Center of Virginia, the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center, and other stakeholders, shall develop a code of ethics relating to appropriate collaboration at Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings among school staff, parents, students, and any other participants invited with expertise or knowledge of the student, to be referred to as the Code of Ethics for Special Education Meeting Participants (the Code of Ethics). The Code of Ethics shall be consistent with the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates Voluntary Code of Ethics and the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Memo # 263-16 (October 18, 2016): Collaboration among Parents, Parent Advocates, and Professionals in IEP Meetings and shall include provisions affirming the rights of parents to collaborate and participate in the IEP process. The Department shall amend such regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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