

SENATE BILL NO. 1102

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Rules

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

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Boysko)

A BILL to require the Department of Education to convene a work group to evaluate options for implementing hazing prevention training programs in middle and high schools; report.

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

1. § 1. The Department of Education shall, in collaboration with the Department of Health, convene an expert and stakeholder work group to evaluate options for implementing hazing prevention training programs in middle and high schools, to be developed and implemented by each local school board in accordance with § 22.1-279.9 of the Code of Virginia. The work group shall consider and include in its report (i) a model hazing prevention training program that shall include age-appropriate, extensive, current, and in-person education about hazing, the dangers of hazing, including the consequences of alcohol intoxication, and school policies and laws relating to hazing, including criminal penalties and bystander intervention; (ii) alternatives to in-person participation in such training programs for virtual learners; and (iii) proposed language to include in the Standards of Learning for health education instruction on hazing prevention to include age-appropriate instruction in grades kindergarten through six, middle school, and high school in accordance with the model hazing prevention training program set forth in clause (i). The work group shall include representatives from families of hazing victims, experts knowledgeable about hazing prevention training, school administrators, school faculty, and representatives from the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, the Virginia Education Association, and the Virginia School Boards Association. The work group may include a representative from the governing boards or administrators of private secondary schools accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 of the Code of Virginia who are also encouraged to develop and provide hazing prevention training programs. The work group may also include other stakeholders with expertise in hazing and substance

27 abuse prevention as the Department of Education and the Department of Health deem appropriate. The  
28 work group shall report its recommendations to the Board of Education by July 1, 2024.

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