

CHAPTER 1063

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-278.3, relating to school board policies regarding certain activities.

[H 1541]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-278.3 as follows:**
§ 22.1-278.3. Policies regarding certain activities.

No later than January 1, 2001, local school boards shall develop and implement policies to ensure that public school students are not required to convey or deliver any materials that (i) advocate the election or defeat of any candidate for elective office, (ii) advocate the passage or defeat of any referendum question, or (iii) advocate the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a local school board, local governing body or the General Assembly of Virginia or the Congress of the United States.

This section shall not be construed to prohibit the discussion or use of political or issue-oriented materials as part of classroom discussions or projects or to prohibit the delivery of informational materials.

- 2. That the State Board of Education shall monitor and report on the implementation of this act to the Cochairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Health by the beginning of the 2001 Session of the General Assembly.**