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HOUSE BILL NO. 659  
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
(Proposed by the House Committee on Education  
on \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Ballard)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-7.1:1, relating to Board of Education; guidance on best practices for open school enrollment policies.

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-7.1:1 as follows:**

**§ 22.1-7.1:1. Board; guidance on best practices for open school enrollment policies.**

The Board shall develop and make available to each school board guidance on best practices relating to open school enrollment policies as permitted pursuant to § 22.1-7.1. Such guidance shall detail best practices for:

- 1. The student application process, including an exemplar application;
- 2. The maintenance of a waitlist and for the random selection of applicants in the event that student applications exceed a given school's enrollment capacity or available seats by grade level;
- 3. Processes for reporting and making publicly available the open enrollment capacity of each school or program;
- 4. Tuition-free and fee-free enrollment of students pursuant to an open enrollment policy in accordance with the requirements of § 22.1-5 and 8VAC20-720-80;
- 5. Student transportation;
- 6. Processes for reviewing disciplinary actions that may disqualify students from utilizing the open school enrollment policy; and
- 7. The continued enrollment of students pursuant to an open school enrollment policy.

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