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HOUSE BILL NO. 211

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education  
on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Martinez)

A BILL to require the Department of Education to audit certain education preparation programs for compliance with certain requirements relating to reading and literacy instruction.

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

1. § 1. Except as otherwise provided in § 2, the Department of Education shall audit no later than July 1, 2026, each education preparation program offered by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education in the Commonwealth for compliance with the requirements set forth in subsection B of § 23.1-902.1 of the Code of Virginia. Such audit shall be performed in addition to or in alignment with those audits performed in accordance with the regular schedule established pursuant to subsection C of § 23.1-902.1 of the Code of Virginia and nothing in this section shall be construed to alter such schedule for any such institution.

§ 2. The provisions of § 1 shall not apply to any education preparation program offered by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education in the Commonwealth that was audited by the Department of Education during the 2023 calendar year in accordance with the regular schedule established pursuant to subsection C of § 23.1-902.1 of the Code of Virginia and aligned with science-based reading research and evidence-based literacy instruction.

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