

Local School Division Requirements – 2014 Changes to *Code of Virginia*

Bill Number	Issue	DOE Resources	Local Action Needed
HB 930 SB 306	<p>The Board of Education (BOE) must develop guidelines for providing instruction and administering an alternative assessment for each subject area in which a <i>Standards of Learning</i> (SOL) assessment will no longer be administered (i.e., Grade 3 Science; Grade 3 History/Social Science; Grade 5 Writing; U.S. History to 1865 and U.S. History 1865 to the Present). Each local school board must certify that it has provided instruction and administered an alternative assessment in conformance with BOE guidelines.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Shelley Loving Ryder Supt's Memo 216-14 August 15, 2014</p>	<p>Develop/administer alternative assessments and certify compliance via annual SOQ certification at end of school year. BOE adoption of DOE guidelines in September.</p>
HB 1110	<p>Changes have been made to relating to the reimbursement of costs to educate children placed in child-caring institutions or group homes.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Chris Sorensen</p>	<p>Change may have a fiscal impact to local school divisions based on the number of applicable students. Does not impact state funding.</p>
HB 157 SB 276	<p>In the case of the conversion of an existing public school to a charter public school:</p> <p>students who attend the school and the siblings of such students shall be given the opportunity to enroll in advance of the lottery process, and</p> <p>the requirement shall not apply that at least one-half of the public charter schools per division shall be designed for at-risk students.</p>	<p>DOE contact: Diane Jay</p>	<p>Revise local Charter School Policies and Procedures regarding sibling enrollment and at-risk students in conversions from existing public school to charter public school.</p>
HB 197	<p>The BOE must develop guidelines for supplementary written materials used by teachers relating to documents of Virginia history and the United States Constitution. Teachers must ensure that all such materials contain accurate restatements of the principles contained in the specified documents.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Betsy Barton</p>	<p>Notify teachers of the new requirement and share guidelines. Development of guidelines is in progress with BOE review anticipated in October.</p>
HB 1054	<p>The BOE must develop guidelines addressing how computer science courses can satisfy graduation requirements. The BOE must consider all computer science course credits to be science, mathematics or CTE course credits.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Eric Rhoades Supt's Memo 183-14 July 11, 2014</p>	<p>Provide comments to BOE on proposed guidelines, which are scheduled for presentation to the BOE in November 2014 for first review. Upon BOE approval, develop/update local policies to comply with the guidelines.</p>

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SB 2	All textbooks approved by the BOE after July 1, 2014 must note that the Sea of Japan is also referred to as the East Sea.	DOE Contact: Christonya Brown	School divisions using BOE-approved textbooks will receive books with both references. Locally-approved textbooks are not impacted by this change.
HB 1096	The BOE, working with specified stakeholders, must review and revise its <i>Guidelines for Policies on Concussions in Student-Athletes</i> to address the effects of concussions on student-athletes' academic performance. Each non-interscholastic youth sports program using public school property must either establish policies consistent with the local school division's policies or the BOE's guidelines or follow the local school division's policies.	DOE Contact: Eric Rhoades	Provide comments to BOE on proposed guidelines. Guidelines in progress and scheduled for presentation to the BOE in October 2014 for first review. Upon approval, develop/update local policies to comply with the guidelines.
HB 720	Each local school board must adopt a policy to set aside a non-restroom location in which any mother who is employed by the local school board or enrolled as a student may express milk.	DOE Contact: Policy Supt's Memo 101-14 April 18, 2014	Update school board policy and ensure that school leaders make location available, if needed.
HB 1242	The tie breaker of any elected school board must be elected in the same manner as the members of the school board.	DOE Contact: Policy Supt's Memo 132-14 May 23, 2014	Revise school board policy on tie-breakers, if applicable.
HB 1115	Several changes have been made relating to online courses created by local school boards and Virtual Virginia. In addition, DOE must establish the Virtual Learning Advisory Committee.	DOE Contact: Cheri Kelleher	Post online courses available through Virtual Virginia and local school division on division Web site. If interested in providing online courses to other school divisions, submit courses to DOE.
HB 926	Special education teachers and other school board employees are not required to be licensed as behavior analysts.	DOE Contact: John Eisenberg	Make school personnel aware of this clarification in the law.
HB 1086	Each local school board is required to provide free and appropriate special education for each student with a disability who attends a full-time virtual school program in the school division but resides in another school division in the Commonwealth.	DOE Contact: Pat Haymes	School divisions with a full-time virtual school must incorporate child find and special education services for all enrolled students eligible for services in that school.

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HB 683	<p>Local departments of social services and local school divisions must develop written interagency agreements for the investigation of all complaints of child abuse or neglect and school divisions must report annually to the BOE regarding the status of interagency agreements until they are adopted.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Maribel Lauber</p>	<p>The school board should adopt a written agreement with local social services department and school division. The Model Local Agreement will be provided in an upcoming Supt's Memo. School division will report to BOE on status of local agreement.</p>
HB 484	<p>Each school board must update their policies and codes of student conduct to prohibit the use and possession of electronic cigarettes on school property, school buses and at school-sponsored activities.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Jo Ann Burkholder</p>	<p>BOE guidelines for student conduct will include references to electronic cigarettes; revised guidelines planned for BOE review in October. Local updates to policies and student codes of conduct must be completed by July 1, 2015.</p>
HB 198, HB 752 SB 441	<p>Students who have committed certain weapons or drugs offenses are not required to be expelled regardless of the facts of the particular situation.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Jo Ann Burkholder</p>	<p>Update school board policy. The changes in wording in the <i>Code</i> will be reflected in revisions to the BOE's guidelines for student conduct, planned for BOE review in October.</p>
HB 751	<p>The local school board or a school administrator, pursuant to school board policy, may determine that special circumstances exist and assign no disciplinary action or an alternative to expulsion when a student commits certain drug offenses.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Jo Ann Burkholder</p>	<p>Update school board policy. The changes in wording in the <i>Code</i> will be reflected in revisions to the BOE's guidelines for student conduct, planned for BOE review in October.</p>
HB 134 SB 532	<p>Each local school board must permit students (with parental consent and written approval from the prescriber) to self-carry diabetes supplies and equipment and to self-check blood glucose levels.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Tia Campbell Supt's Memo 101-14 April 18, 2014 Revised guidance document 6/15</p>	<p>Develop school- and division-wide protocols for students with diabetes that incorporate new mandates.</p>

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<p>HB 1031</p>	<p>Immunization requirements for children have been updated.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Tia Campbell Supt's Memo 101-14 April 18, 2014</p>	<p>Ensure student enrollment requirements include TDAP unless students have medical or religious exemption.</p>
<p>SB 624</p>	<p>A school board employee or authorized local health department employee who, while on school property or at a school-sponsored event, renders certain acts of emergency care is not liable for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions on his part while engaged in such acts of emergency care.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Tia Campbell</p>	<p>School board may update employee policy and communicate liability exemptions for employees for rendering described health care acts.</p>
<p>HB 449</p>	<p>Disclosure to federal government agencies or authorized agency representatives of personally identifiable information, even such information designated as directory information, is only allowed if the disclosure of such data is required by federal law or regulation.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Sandra Ruffin</p>	<p>Incorporate this new requirement into local school board policies and management of student education records. Train school personnel to ensure that there is a federal requirement prior to releasing personally identifiable information to federal agencies or their representatives.</p>
<p>HB 373</p>	<p>The only licensing entity for school speech-language pathologists is the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (BASLP)</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Mark Allan Supt's Memo 085-14 April 4, 2014 Supt's Memo 139-14 May 30, 2014</p>	<p>Notify all speech-language pathologists of this licensing change. Update school board personnel policy.</p>
<p>HB 758</p>	<p>Every teacher seeking initial licensure with an endorsement in the area of CTE is required to have an industry certification credential in the area in which the teacher seeks endorsement.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Mark Allan Supt's Memo 113-14 April 25, 2014 Supt's Memo 150-14 June 6, 2014</p>	<p>Update information on division Web site; advise human resources officers/recruiters and applicants for career and technical education teaching assignments of this new requirement.</p>

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<p>HB 977 SB 43</p>	<p>The deadline for a teacher to request a hearing after receiving written notice of a recommendation of dismissal has been extended from five business days to ten business days.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Patty Pitts Supt's Memo 206-14 August 1, 2014</p>	<p>Update school board policy and teacher grievance procedures.</p>
<p>SB 562</p>	<p>The school board of a school division that partners with a college partnership laboratory school is authorized to charge tuition to students enrolled in the college partnership laboratory school who do not reside within the partnering division. Application documents include Virginia College Partnership Laboratory School Application, Application Process and Criteria Checklist.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Patty Pitts Supt's Memo 207-14 August 1, 2014</p>	<p>Update school board policy.</p>
<p>HB 886</p>	<p>Requires school divisions to provide annual Web site notice on the available postsecondary education and employment data published by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Policy SCHEV link: http://research.schev.edu/findacollege.asp</p>	<p>Add link to school division Web site. Inform parents and students that, from there, they may select any Virginia higher education institution's Web page and click on tabs for information on admissions, tuition, enrollment, debt, success, wage, and other data.</p>
<p>SB 562</p>	<p>A pilot initiative to attract, recruit, and retain high-quality diverse individuals to teach science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) subjects in Virginia's middle and high schools.</p>	<p>DOE Contact: Patty Pitts Supt's Memo 211-14 August 1, 2014</p>	<p>Advise teachers and human resources officers of the initiative. Applications are to be signed by the teacher and division superintendent.</p>