

HB2013

School admission documents, certain; street address or route number requirement.



Bill Patron: Delegate Amy J. Laufer (55th House District)

What the Bill Does:

Provides that if a student or his parent participates in the Address Confidentiality Program established in law, the street address or route number shall be provided to establish residency as required by law but shall not otherwise be made part of the student's educational records.

Why Does This Matter?

The Address Confidentiality Program is a statewide confidential mail forwarding service available to eligible survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual violence, child abduction and/or human trafficking who have recently relocated to a location unknown to their abuser or stalker. The goal is to help participants keep their new address confidential and increase the safety of students, families, and the overall school campus. Virginia state and local government agencies are required to accept a participant's substitute address as if it is their legal physical address.

How Does This Impact Students?

The safety measure will not only increase the safety of a child who is at risk and/or a survivor of abuse but will also keep the entire school community safer. It ensures students in protective situations can attend school safely and consistently without compromising their confidentiality. By keeping sensitive address data out of general education records, the bill helps prevent misuse or unauthorized access to personal information. This is a national program so students and families that leave for another state or move into Virginia will be supported in the receiving school through national advocates.

How Does This Impact School Divisions?

School divisions have to update their educational record operating procedures to ensure that route and street address are not available for those participating in the Address Confidentiality Program.

What Resources Are Available?

- An overview and video from Attorney General Jason Miyares explaining the Address Confidentiality Program can be found on the [Domestic Violence - Address Confidentiality webpage](#).
- Questions related to the Address Confidentiality Program can be directed by email to domestic.violence@oag.state.va.us or telephone to [804-482-2280](tel:804-482-2280).
- See [Address Confidentiality Programs by State](#) to assist in confidentiality and protection best practices.

What Additional Items Will Be Released?

- In addition to this document, notice of this requirement will be provided in a Virginia Education Update newsletter prior to August 1, 2025.

School Division Next Steps:

- School divisions have to update their educational record operating procedures to ensure that route and street address are not available for those participating in the address confidentiality program.
- School divisions may choose to access the resources above to provide additional information to staff, parents, and other interested constituents to ensure good protective factors are in place.

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