DATE: August 1, 2024

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: Statement of Administrative Impact and Projected Costs of Implementation for the Promulgation of Amendments to the Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia (8VAC20-81)

The Board of Education is required to develop a statement of the administrative impact on school divisions and the projected cost of implementation and compliance with newly promulgated regulations.

Chapter [502](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+CHAP0502) of the 2024 Acts of the Assembly directs the Board of Education to review and consider an update to its regulations, including 8VAC20-81-110, to include parent and student input as required content in an IEP for all relevant students, define “short-term objectives” for the purposes of IEP content, and include, as appropriate, short-term objectives derived from measurable goals as required content in an IEP for all relevant students.

In response to this legislative directive, the Board approved the following [regulatory changes](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/55906/638569321118870000) at its meeting on [July 25, 2024](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/state-board-data-funding/virginia-board-of-education/2024-board-meetings-agendas-and-minutes/july-24-25-2024):

* Adding a definition of “short term objectives” to 8VAC20-81-10
* Amending 8VAC20-81-110(F) to include parent and student input as required content in an IEP for all relevant students.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT**

There will be minimal fiscal or administrative impact resulting from the amendments to *Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia* ([8VAC20-81](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title8/agency20/chapter81/)). The agency anticipates that any impact can be absorbed within existing school division structures. Further, the amendments are necessary to bring the regulations into compliance with the *Code of Virginia*.

For questions regarding the amendments to the *Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia* ([8VAC20-81](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title8/agency20/chapter81/)), please contact Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, at Jim.Chapman@doe.virginia.gov

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