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 Licensure Regulations for School Personnel

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 845](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+CHAP0845) amends § 22.1-298.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The chapter allows the Board to authorize each school board, upon recommendation of the division superintendent or the school board and in accordance with the criteria set forth in the bill, to issue a one-year, nonrenewable local eligibility license that is only valid within the issuing school division to any individual who (i) received a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, (ii) has experience or training in a subject or content area as the school board and division superintendent may deem appropriate for the applicable teaching position or endorsement area, and (iii) is not seeking to provide instruction in special education or eligible for collegiate professional or postgraduate professional licensure. The bill establishes several requirements, criteria, and conditions relating to a local eligibility license. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2030.

In response to this legislative change, the Board approved the following [regulatory changes](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/55898/638569321091930000) 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 “Local Eligibility License” in 8VAC20-23-10
* Creating 8VAC20-23-51, which sets out the process to grant a Local Eligibility License

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT**

The fiscal and administrative impact resulting from the amendments to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* ([8VAC20-23](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title8/agency20/chapter23/)) is indeterminate and may vary from division to division. School divisions opting to issue local eligibility licenses will need to decide how they will issue and track such licenses.

For questions regarding the amendments to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* ([8VAC20-23](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title8/agency20/chapter23/)), please contact Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations, at (804) 750-8750 or jim.chapman@doe.virginia.gov

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