



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Transmittal of “Statement of Administrative Impact and Projected Costs of Implementation” for the Promulgation of Amendments to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*

As part of its responsibility for promulgating new regulations or revisions to existing regulations, pursuant to §22.1-17 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Board of Education is required to develop a statement of the administrative impact and projected cost to school divisions related to implementing and complying with such regulations. In addition, the Board and the Department of Education are required to send a copy of the statement to each division superintendent.

On September 18, 2014, the Board of Education approved a proposal to amend the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* (8 VAC 20-22-10 et seq.) to conform to House Bill 373 and House Bill 758 of the 2014 General Assembly (Exempt Action). The Board agenda item may be accessed at http://doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2014/09_sep/agenda_items/item_f.pdf. The amendments (i) require every teacher seeking initial licensure with an endorsement in the area of career and technical education to have an industry certification credential in the area in which the teacher seeks endorsement and (ii) remove the Board of Education as a licensing entity for school speech-language pathologists thereby making the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology the only licensing entity. The final text of the regulations, that became effective January 14, 2015, may be accessed online at <http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/l/ViewStage.cfm?StageID=7095>.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT

The fiscal or administrative impact of the amendments to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* is negligible, as the regulations restated statutory requirements already in effect.

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