



VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item: H

Date: August 21, 2024

Title: First and Final Review of Action on One-Year Local Eligibility License

Presenter: Jim Chapman, Director of Board Relations

Purpose of Presentation

Action required by state or federal law or regulation.

Executive Summary

On July 25, 2024, the Board of Education approved an exempt action regarding a regulatory change to implement Chapter 845 of the 2024 Acts of the Assembly (“Chapter 845”). Chapter 845 (SB 142) 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.

VDOE has received direction from the Office of Regulatory Management that the implementation of Chapter 845 does not strictly require regulations.

Action Requested

First and Final review: Action requested at this meeting.

Superintendent's Recommendation

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education withdraw the regulatory action regarding Chapter 845 of the 2024 Acts of the Assembly that was approved at the July 25, 2024, meeting of the Board.

Rationale for Action

By withdrawing the action, the Board will allow for efficient and more flexible school division implementation. With this action, school divisions can use this legislation to fill critical vacancies for the 2024–2025 school year.

Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources

This action has no impact on fiscal or human resources.