



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

August 14, 2015

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.

At the June 25, 2015, meeting, the Board of Education approved amendments to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* (8VAC20-22) to conform the regulations to Chapters 53, 440, 588, and 650 of the 2013 Acts of Assembly and Chapters 385 and 562 of the 2015 Acts of Assembly. The amendments (i) eliminate the Local Eligibility License; (ii) establish a Teach For America License; (iii) permit the Board of Education, upon request of the Virginia employing school division or education agency, to issue a provisional license to a teacher seeking an initial license who has not attained an industry certification credential in the area in which the teacher seeks endorsement to allow time for the teacher to attain the required credential; and (iv) establish that no person seeking renewal of a license shall be required to satisfy any such requirement by completing coursework and earning credit at an institution of higher education.

The amendments to the regulations were published in the [Virginia Register of Regulations, VOL. 31 ISS. 25](#), on August 10, 2015.

Because the amendments are necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law where no agency discretion is involved, the Board of Education is claiming an exemption from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act in accordance with § 2.2-4006 A 4 a of the *Code of Virginia*.

The amendments to the regulations will become effective September 9, 2015. To view the amendments, please visit <http://register.dls.virginia.gov/details.aspx?id=5072>.

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.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent for teacher education and licensure, by telephone at (804) 371-2522 or by e-mail at Patty.Pitts@doe.virginia.gov.

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