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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #085-21**

DATE: April 2, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students in Virginia's Public Schools**

In response to [House Bill 145](#) and [Senate Bill 161](#) that were enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) developed *Model Policies with the Treatment of Transgender Students in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools*. To comply with HB 145 and SB 161 (2020), local school boards shall adopt policies consistent with these model policies by the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

The model policies were made available in the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall Public Comment Forum, and the public comment period concluded February 3, 2021. The final version of the model policies is now available on the Virginia Department of Education's [Gender Diversity webpage](#) along with additional resources to assist school divisions in developing and implementing their local policies.

For more information

For questions related to the model policies, please contact Quyen Duong, Student Services Specialist, Office of Student Services, at Quyen.Duong@doe.virginia.gov, or by telephone at (804) 786-0720.

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