

## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

*An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-289 of the Code of Virginia, relating to transfer of scholastic records.*

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Approved

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 22.1-289 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 22.1-289. Transfer and management of scholastic records; disclosure of information in court notices; penalty.

A. As used in this section:

"Scholastic record" means those records that are directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution. These include, but are not limited to, documentation pertinent to the educational growth and development of students as they progress through school, student disciplinary records, achievement and test data, cumulative health records, reports of assessments for eligibility for special education services, and Individualized Education Programs. A notice of adjudication or conviction received by a superintendent relating to an incident which did not occur on school property or during a school-sponsored activity shall not be a part of a student's scholastic record.

The term "scholastic record" does not include records of instructional, supervisory, administrative, and ancillary educational personnel that are kept in the sole possession of the maker of the record and are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a temporary substitute for the maker of the record.

B. Whenever a pupil transfers from one school division to another, the scholastic record or a copy of the scholastic record shall be transferred to the school division to which the pupil transfers upon request from such school division. Permission of the parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of the student shall not be required for transfer of such scholastic record to another school or school division within or outside the Commonwealth.

C. Any notice of disposition received pursuant to § 16.1-305.1 shall not be retained after the student has been awarded a diploma or a certificate as provided in § 22.1-253.13:4.

D. Every student's scholastic record shall be available to the student and his parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of the student for inspection during the regular school day. Permission of the parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of the student, or of a student who is eighteen years of age or older, shall not be required for transfer of such scholastic record to another school or school division within or without this Commonwealth. ~~However,~~

*Consistent with federal law and regulation, each school shall annually notify parents of students currently enrolled and in attendance of their rights under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232(g)) and related regulations.*

A school responding to a request for the transfer of the scholastic record from another school division ~~shall need not~~ provide written notice of the transfer of the record, including the identity of the requester, to the parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of the student, or to a student who is eighteen years of age or older, ~~within five days of the date in which the record was transferred if the school has previously included in the annual notice required by this subsection a statement that it forwards such records to such requesting school divisions.~~

E. Whenever the division superintendent is notified by the Department of Juvenile Justice, pursuant to § 16.1-287, the Department of Correctional Education, pursuant to § 22.1-344 of this title, or by a school division employee responsible for education programs in a local jail or a detention center, that a pupil who last attended a school within the school division is a pupil in a school of a juvenile correctional center of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or a pupil in an educational program in a local jail or detention center, the school division superintendent or his designee shall transfer the scholastic record of such pupil to the designated juvenile correctional center or local jail or a detention center, as the case may be, within five work days. The Department of Correctional Education shall transfer the scholastic record of a student who has been discharged from a juvenile correctional center of the Department of Juvenile Justice to the relevant school division within five work days of the student's discharge.

The Board of Education shall adopt regulations concerning the transfer and management of scholastic records from one school division to another, to the learning centers of the Department of Juvenile

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57 Justice, and to educational programs in local jails and detention centers.

58 F. The division superintendent or his designee shall notify the local police or sheriff's department for  
59 investigation as a possible missing child of any enrolled pupil whose scholastic record he is unable to  
60 obtain within sixty days or sooner, if the division superintendent or his designee has reason to suspect  
61 that the pupil is a missing child.

62 G. Superintendents and their designees shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability in  
63 connection with any notice to a police or sheriff's department of a pupil lacking a scholastic record or  
64 failure to give such notice as required by this section.

65 H. Except as provided in §§ 16.1-309 and 22.1-287 and this section, a superintendent or his designee,  
66 or other school personnel who unlawfully discloses information obtained pursuant to § 16.1-305.1 shall  
67 be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.