

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2002 SESSION

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## CHAPTER 160

*An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-79.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school board policies addressing student surveys and questionnaires.*

[H 357]

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**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 22.1-79.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 22.1-79.3. Policies regarding certain activities.

A. No later than January 1, 2001, local school boards shall develop and implement policies to ensure that public school students are not required to convey or deliver any materials that (i) advocate the election or defeat of any candidate for elective office, (ii) advocate the passage or defeat of any referendum question, or (iii) advocate the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a local school board, local governing body or the General Assembly of Virginia or the Congress of the United States.

This section shall not be construed to prohibit the discussion or use of political or issue-oriented materials as part of classroom discussions or projects or to prohibit the delivery of informational materials.

*B. Local school boards shall develop and implement policies to prohibit the administration of questionnaires or surveys to public school students during the regular school day or at school-sponsored events without written, informed parental consent for the student's participation when participation in such questionnaire or survey may subsequently result in the sale for commercial purposes of personal information regarding the individual student.*