

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 3.1-14.2, relating to agriculture*
3 *curriculum specialists.*

4 [H 40]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 3.1-14.2 as follows:**8 *§ 3.1-14.2. Agriculture education.*

9 *A. There shall be established, within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to be*
10 *administered by the Department of Agriculture Education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State*
11 *University, a unit of specialists in agriculture education. The unit shall (i) assist in developing and*
12 *revising local agriculture curricula to integrate the Standards of Learning, (ii) provide professional*
13 *development for agriculture instructional personnel to improve the quality of agriculture education, (iii)*
14 *conduct site visits to the schools providing agriculture education, and (iv) seek the input of business and*
15 *industry representatives regarding the content and direction of agriculture education programs in the*
16 *public schools of the Commonwealth.*

17 *B. Any required reduction in the Department's budget shall be reflected in a proportional reduction*
18 *in the operation of the agriculture education unit; however, the reduction in the allocation for operation*
19 *of the agriculture education unit shall not exceed the percentage reduction provided for in the*
20 *appropriation act for the Department.*

21 *C. In the event that additional funds are not allocated for these positions, the Department shall not*
22 *be required to absorb the costs of these positions.*

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