

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act relating to the consolidation of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton and*
3 *the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled at Hampton.*

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5 Approved

[S 676]

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

7 **1.** *§ 1. Consolidation of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton and the Virginia*
8 *School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled at Hampton.*

9 *Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the residential programs of the Virginia School for*
10 *the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton and the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled at*
11 *Hampton shall be modified as follows:*

12 *A. The Department of General Services is authorized to enter into a comprehensive agreement for*
13 *the necessary renovations, additions, and new facility construction at the Staunton campus under*
14 *traditional procurement procedures or the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of*
15 *2002.*

16 *The Department of General Services shall develop a plan for disposing of buildings and property no*
17 *longer necessary for special education purposes. The Department of General Services shall work with*
18 *the City of Staunton and the Department of Historic Resources when considering proposals that may*
19 *transfer ownership to or establish long-term leases with private entities. The properties shall be*
20 *conveyed with appropriate historic easements at fair market value with the proceeds reverting to the*
21 *general fund to offset the cost of construction of the new facility.*

22 *B. Upon receipt of a collaboratively developed facilities and land use plan by the board of New*
23 *Horizons Regional Education Center and representatives, not to exceed the number of board members*
24 *from the New Horizons Regional Education Center Board, of the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind*
25 *and Multi-Disabled at Hampton appointed by the Board of Education, the Governor is authorized to*
26 *convey, without consideration, the real property, including all buildings and facilities located thereon,*
27 *now existing and standing at the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled at Hampton*
28 *located in Hampton, Virginia, to the New Horizons Regional Education Center. If the New Horizons*
29 *Regional Education Center dissolves or otherwise ceases to exist, the right and title to such land and*
30 *any buildings or facilities located thereon shall immediately revert to the Commonwealth.*

31 *Such conveyance shall be made in a form approved by the Attorney General. The appropriate*
32 *officials of the Commonwealth are hereby authorized to prepare, execute, and deliver such deed and*
33 *other documents as may be necessary to accomplish the conveyance.*

34 *Such plans for the consolidation of the two schools for the deaf, blind, and multi-disabled into a*
35 *single location at the Staunton campus and the conveyance of facilities and land of the Virginia School*
36 *for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled at Hampton shall also include provisions for continued funding*
37 *for the state-operated facility in Staunton and the regional day program of the New Horizons Regional*
38 *Education Center at Hampton.*

39 **2.** **That the capital project set forth in subsection A of § 1 of this act shall be funded in**
40 **accordance with the general appropriation act passed by the 2006 Session of the General**
41 **Assembly, which becomes law.**