

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2007 SESSION

## CHAPTER 71

*An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of Correctional Education literacy program.*

[H 2627]

Approved February 19, 2007

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

**1. That § 22.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 22.1-344.1. Literacy program.

In coordination with the Department of Corrections and the Parole Board, the Superintendent shall develop a functional literacy program for inmates testing below a selected grade level, which shall be at least at the ~~eighth grade~~ *twelfth grade or GED* level. The program shall include guidelines for implementation and test administration, participation requirements, ~~and~~ criteria for satisfactory completion, *and a strategic plan for encouraging enrollment in college or an accredited vocational training program or other accredited continuing education program.*

For the purposes of this section, the term "functional literacy" shall mean those educational skills necessary to function independently in society, including, but not limited to, reading, writing, comprehension, and arithmetic computation.