

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 13.2 of Title 22.1 a section numbered*  
3 *22.1-253.13:9, relating to the Virginia Index of Performance incentive program.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**  
7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 13.2 of Title 22.1 a section**  
8 **numbered 22.1-253.13:9 as follows:**

9 *§ 22.1-253.13:9. Virginia Index of Performance incentive program.*

10 *A. Schools and local school divisions shall be recognized by the Board of Education in accordance*  
11 *with guidelines it shall establish for the Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) incentive program. The*  
12 *VIP incentive program shall be designed to recognize and reward fully accredited schools and school*  
13 *divisions that make significant progress toward achieving advanced proficiency levels in reading,*  
14 *mathematics, science, and history and social science, and on other indicators of school and student*  
15 *performance that are aligned with the Commonwealth's goals for public education. Such recognition*  
16 *may include:*

- 17 *1. Public announcements recognizing individual schools and divisions;*
- 18 *2. Tangible rewards;*
- 19 *3. Waivers of certain board regulations;*
- 20 *4. Exemptions from certain reporting requirements; or*
- 21 *5. Other commendations deemed appropriate to recognize high achievement.*

22 *In addition to Board recognition, local school boards shall adopt policies to recognize individual*  
23 *schools through public announcements or media releases as well as other appropriate recognition.*

24 *B. A school that maintains a passing rate on Virginia assessment program tests or additional tests*  
25 *approved by the Board of 95 percent or above in each of the four core academic areas for two*  
26 *consecutive years may, upon application to the Department of Education, receive a waiver from annual*  
27 *accreditation. A school receiving such a waiver shall be fully accredited for a three-year period.*  
28 *However, such school shall continue to annually submit documentation in compliance with the*  
29 *pre-accreditation eligibility requirements.*

30 *C. Schools may be eligible to receive the Governor's Award for Outstanding Achievement. This*  
31 *award will be given to schools rated fully accredited that significantly increase the achievement of*  
32 *students within student subgroups in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Board of Education.*

33 **2. That the Board of Education shall include in its guidelines for the VIP incentive program**  
34 **performance objectives and measures that promote student achievement in science, technology,**  
35 **engineering, and mathematics.**

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