

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2012 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 744

An Act to amend and reenact § 1 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of Assembly of 2009, as amended by Chapters 398 and 604 of the Acts of Assembly of 2010, and Chapters 391 and 411 of the Acts of Assembly of 2011, relating to the delayed implementation of certain regulations and state statutes related to the accreditation of schools.

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Approved April 18, 2012

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 1 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of Assembly of 2009, as amended by Chapters 398 and 604 of the Acts of Assembly of 2010, and Chapter 391 of the Acts of Assembly of 2011, is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 1. That no statutes or regulations *related to the implementation of an Academic and Career Plan* prescribing additional requirements upon which the accreditation rating of schools in the Commonwealth is based, pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:3 of the Code of Virginia, beyond those already in effect on July 1, 2008, shall become effective before July 1, ~~2012~~ 2013, unless such statutes or regulations are also specifically required by federal code, federal regulation, or court action. Furthermore, that no statutes or regulations prescribing additional graduation requirements, pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:4 of the Code of Virginia, shall become effective before July 1, 2012, unless such statutes or regulations are also specifically required by federal code, federal regulation, or court action. Furthermore, the passing rates required for full accreditation in 2012-2013 based on assessments administered during the 2011-2012 school year shall be the same passing rates required for full accreditation during the 2008-2009 school year. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, schools with a graduating class shall meet prescribed thresholds on a graduation and completion rate index, as prescribed by the Board of Education, for accreditation ratings for 2011-2012. Furthermore, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, regulations prescribing economics and financial literacy as a graduation requirement and related changes to the standard and advanced studies diploma, pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:4 of the Code of Virginia, shall become effective July 1, 2011.

2. That § 1 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of Assembly of 2009, as amended by Chapters 398 and 604 of the Acts of Assembly of 2010, and Chapter 411 of the Acts of Assembly of 2011, is amended and reenacted as follows:

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