

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2012 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 755

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.3, relating to public school personnel; students with autism spectrum disorders.

[H 325]

Approved April 18, 2012

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.3 as follows:

§ 22.1-298.3. Students with autism spectrum disorders; training required of personnel.

By September 1, 2014, each school board shall ensure that aides assigned to work with a teacher who has primary oversight of students with autism spectrum disorders receive training in student behavior management within 60 days of assignment to such responsibility. School boards may provide such training to other employees, including transportation employees.

The Board of Education shall provide training standards that school divisions may use to fulfill the requirements of this section.

2. That the Board of Education, in consultation with Virginia Commonwealth University, shall develop online training that school divisions may use to fulfill the requirements of § 22.1-298.3 of the Code of Virginia. Such training shall be made available to local school divisions free of charge.