

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 22.1-212.26 and 23-299.8 of the Code of Virginia, relating to teachers*
3 *of online courses and in college partnership laboratory schools; background checks.*

4 [H 577]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That §§ 22.1-212.26 and 23-299.8 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as**
8 **follows:**

9 § 22.1-212.26. Teachers and administrators of online courses and virtual programs.

10 A. Teachers who deliver instruction to students through online courses or virtual school programs
11 shall be licensed by the Board of Education and shall be subject to the requirements of §§ 22.1-296.1
12 ~~and~~, 22.1-296.2, *and* 22.1-296.4 applicable to teachers employed by a local school board.13 B. The administrator of a virtual school program shall hold an advanced degree from a regionally
14 accredited institution of higher education with educational and work experience in administering
15 educational programs.

16 § 23-299.8. Employment of professional, licensed personnel.

17 A. College partnership laboratory school personnel shall be employees of the institution of higher
18 education establishing the school.19 B. Teachers working in a college partnership laboratory school shall hold a license issued by the
20 Board of Education or, in the case of an instructor in the higher education institution's Board-approved
21 teacher education program, be eligible to hold a Virginia teaching license. Teachers working in a college
22 partnership laboratory school shall be subject to the requirements of §§ 22.1-296.1 ~~and~~, 22.1-296.2, *and*
23 *22.1-296.4* applicable to teachers employed by a local school board.24 C. Professional, licensed personnel of a college partnership laboratory school shall be granted the
25 same employment benefits given to professional, licensed personnel in public schools in accordance with
26 the agreement between the college partnership laboratory school and the Board of Education.

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