

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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An Act to amend and reenact §§ 22.1-178, 22.1-253.13:1, 22.1-253.13:4, 22.1-274, 22.1-298.1, and 22.1-299.3 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.4, relating to public schools; cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillators.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 22.1-178, 22.1-253.13:1, 22.1-253.13:4, 22.1-274, 22.1-298.1, and 22.1-299.3 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.4 as follows:

§ 22.1-178. Requirements for persons employed to drive school buses.

A. No school board shall hire, employ, or enter into any agreement with any person for the purposes of operating a school bus transporting pupils unless the person proposed to so operate such school bus shall:

1. Have a physical examination of a scope prescribed by the Board of Education with the advice of the Medical Society of Virginia and furnish a form prescribed by the Board of Education showing the results of such examination.

2. Furnish a statement or copy of records from the Department of Motor Vehicles showing that the records of such Department do not disclose that the person, within the preceding five years, has been convicted upon a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, convicted of a felony or assigned to any alcohol safety action program or driver alcohol rehabilitation program pursuant to § 18.2-271.1 or, within the preceding ~~twelve~~ 12 months, has been convicted of two or more moving traffic violations or required to attend a driver improvement clinic by the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to § 46.2-498.

3. Furnish a statement signed by two reputable persons who reside in the school division or in the applicant's community that the person is of good moral character.

4. Exhibit a license showing the person has successfully undertaken the examination prescribed by § 46.2-339.

5. Have reached the age of ~~eighteen~~ 18 on the first day of the school year.

B. Any school board may require ~~successful completion of the American National Red Cross first-aid course or its equivalent~~ *proof of current certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of an automated external defibrillator* as a condition to employment to operate a school bus transporting pupils.

C. School boards may require persons accepting employment after July 1, 1994, as a driver of a school bus transporting pupils to agree, as a condition of employment, to submit to alcohol and controlled substance testing. Any such tests shall be conducted in compliance with Board of Education regulations.

D. The documents required pursuant to subdivisions A 1 and A 2 ~~of this section~~ shall be furnished annually prior to the anniversary date of the employment agreement as a condition to continuing employment to operate a school bus.

E. The documents required pursuant to this section shall be filed with, and made a part of, the records of the school board employing such person as a school bus operator.

F. The State Department of Education shall furnish to the several division superintendents the necessary forms to be used by applicants in furnishing the information required by this section. Insofar as practicable, such forms shall be designed to limit paperwork, avoid the possibility of mistake, and furnish all parties involved with a complete and accurate record of the information required.

G. The physical examination required by subsection A may be performed and the report of the results signed by a licensed nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

§ 22.1-253.13:1. Standard 1. Instructional programs supporting the Standards of Learning and other educational objectives.

A. The General Assembly and the Board of Education believe that the fundamental goal of the public schools of the Commonwealth must be to enable each student to develop the skills that are necessary for success in school, preparation for life, and reaching their full potential. The General Assembly and the Board of Education find that the quality of education is dependent upon the provision of (i) the appropriate working environment, benefits, and salaries necessary to ensure the availability of

57 high-quality instructional personnel; (ii) the appropriate learning environment designed to promote
 58 student achievement; (iii) quality instruction that enables each student to become a productive and
 59 educated citizen of Virginia and the United States of America; and (iv) the adequate commitment of
 60 other resources. In keeping with this goal, the General Assembly shall provide for the support of public
 61 education as set forth in Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia.

62 B. The Board of Education shall establish educational objectives known as the Standards of
 63 Learning, which shall form the core of Virginia's educational program, and other educational objectives,
 64 which together are designed to ensure the development of the skills that are necessary for success in
 65 school and for preparation for life in the years beyond. At a minimum, the Board shall establish
 66 Standards of Learning for English, mathematics, science, and history and social science. The Standards
 67 of Learning shall not be construed to be regulations as defined in § 2.2-4001.

68 The Board shall seek to ensure that the Standards of Learning are consistent with a high-quality
 69 foundation educational program. The Standards of Learning shall include, but not be limited to, the basic
 70 skills of communication (listening, speaking, reading, and writing); computation and critical reasoning,
 71 including problem solving and decision making; proficiency in the use of computers and related
 72 technology; and the skills to manage personal finances and to make sound financial decisions.

73 The English Standards of Learning for reading in kindergarten through grade three shall be based on
 74 components of effective reading instruction, to include, at a minimum, phonemic awareness, phonics,
 75 fluency, vocabulary development, and text comprehension.

76 The Standards of Learning in all subject areas shall be subject to regular review and revision to
 77 maintain rigor and to reflect a balance between content knowledge and the application of knowledge in
 78 preparation for eventual employment and lifelong learning. The Board of Education shall establish a
 79 regular schedule, in a manner it deems appropriate, for the review, and revision as may be necessary, of
 80 the Standards of Learning in all subject areas. Such review of each subject area shall occur at least once
 81 every seven years. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Board from conducting such
 82 review and revision on a more frequent basis.

83 To provide appropriate opportunity for input from the general public, teachers, and local school
 84 boards, the Board of Education shall conduct public hearings prior to establishing revised Standards of
 85 Learning. Thirty days prior to conducting such hearings, the Board shall give notice of the date, time,
 86 and place of the hearings to all local school boards and any other persons requesting to be notified of
 87 the hearings and publish notice of its intention to revise the Standards of Learning in the Virginia
 88 Register of Regulations. Interested parties shall be given reasonable opportunity to be heard and present
 89 information prior to final adoption of any revisions of the Standards of Learning.

90 In addition, the Department of Education shall make available and maintain a website, either
 91 separately or through an existing website utilized by the Department of Education, enabling public
 92 elementary, middle, and high school educators to submit recommendations for improvements relating to
 93 the Standards of Learning, when under review by the Board according to its established schedule, and
 94 related assessments required by the Standards of Quality pursuant to this chapter. Such website shall
 95 facilitate the submission of recommendations by educators.

96 School boards shall implement the Standards of Learning or objectives specifically designed for their
 97 school divisions that are equivalent to or exceed the Board's requirements. Students shall be expected to
 98 achieve the educational objectives established by the school division at appropriate age or grade levels.
 99 The curriculum adopted by the local school division shall be aligned to the Standards of Learning.

100 The Board of Education shall include in the Standards of Learning for history and social science the
 101 study of contributions to society of diverse people. For the purposes of this subsection, "diverse" shall
 102 include includes consideration of disability, ethnicity, race, and gender.

103 *The Board of Education shall include in the Standards of Learning for health instruction in
 104 emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of an automated external defibrillator,
 105 including hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Such
 106 instruction shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care
 107 guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as
 108 a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. No teacher who
 109 is in compliance with subdivision D 4 of § 22.1-298.1 shall be required to be certified as a trainer of
 110 cardiopulmonary resuscitation to provide instruction for non-certification.*

111 With such funds as are made available for this purpose, the Board shall regularly review and revise
 112 the competencies for career and technical education programs to require the full integration of English,
 113 mathematics, science, and history and social science Standards of Learning. Career and technical
 114 education programs shall be aligned with industry and professional standard certifications, where they
 115 exist.

116 C. Local school boards shall develop and implement a program of instruction for grades K through
 117 12 that is aligned to the Standards of Learning and meets or exceeds the requirements of the Board of

118 Education. The program of instruction shall emphasize reading, writing, speaking, mathematical concepts
 119 and computations, proficiency in the use of computers and related technology, and scientific concepts
 120 and processes; essential skills and concepts of citizenship, including knowledge of Virginia history and
 121 world and United States history, economics, government, foreign languages, international cultures, health
 122 and physical education, environmental issues, and geography necessary for responsible participation in
 123 American society and in the international community; fine arts, which may include, but need not be
 124 limited to, music and art, and practical arts; knowledge and skills needed to qualify for further
 125 education, gainful employment, or training in a career or technical field; and development of the ability
 126 to apply such skills and knowledge in preparation for eventual employment and lifelong learning and to
 127 achieve economic self-sufficiency.

128 Local school boards shall also develop and implement programs of prevention, intervention, or
 129 remediation for students who are educationally at risk including, but not limited to, those who fail to
 130 achieve a passing score on any Standards of Learning assessment in grades three through eight or who
 131 fail an end-of-course test required for the award of a verified unit of credit. Such programs shall include
 132 components that are research-based.

133 Any student who achieves a passing score on one or more, but not all, of the Standards of Learning
 134 assessments for the relevant grade level in grades three through eight may be required to attend a
 135 remediation program.

136 Any student who fails to achieve a passing score on all of the Standards of Learning assessments for
 137 the relevant grade level in grades three through eight or who fails an end-of-course test required for the
 138 award of a verified unit of credit shall be required to attend a remediation program or to participate in
 139 another form of remediation. Division superintendents shall require such students to take special
 140 programs of prevention, intervention, or remediation, which may include attendance in public summer
 141 school programs, in accordance with clause (ii) of subsection A of § 22.1-254 and § 22.1-254.01.

142 Remediation programs shall include, when applicable, a procedure for early identification of students
 143 who are at risk of failing the Standards of Learning assessments in grades three through eight or who
 144 fail an end-of-course test required for the award of a verified unit of credit. Such programs may also
 145 include summer school for all elementary and middle school grades and for all high school academic
 146 courses, as defined by regulations promulgated by the Board of Education, or other forms of
 147 remediation. Summer school remediation programs or other forms of remediation shall be chosen by the
 148 division superintendent to be appropriate to the academic needs of the student. Students who are
 149 required to attend such summer school programs or to participate in another form of remediation shall
 150 not be charged tuition by the school division.

151 The requirement for remediation may, however, be satisfied by the student's attendance in a program
 152 of prevention, intervention or remediation that has been selected by his parent, in consultation with the
 153 division superintendent or his designee, and is either (i) conducted by an accredited private school or (ii)
 154 a special program that has been determined to be comparable to the required public school remediation
 155 program by the division superintendent. The costs of such private school remediation program or other
 156 special remediation program shall be borne by the student's parent.

157 The Board of Education shall establish standards for full funding of summer remedial programs that
 158 shall include, but not be limited to, the minimum number of instructional hours or the equivalent thereof
 159 required for full funding and an assessment system designed to evaluate program effectiveness. Based on
 160 the number of students attending and the Commonwealth's share of the per pupil instructional costs,
 161 state funds shall be provided for the full cost of summer and other remediation programs as set forth in
 162 the appropriation act, provided such programs comply with such standards as shall be established by the
 163 Board, pursuant to § 22.1-199.2.

164 D. Local school boards shall also implement the following:

165 1. Programs in grades K through three that emphasize developmentally appropriate learning to
 166 enhance success.

167 2. Programs based on prevention, intervention, or remediation designed to increase the number of
 168 students who earn a high school diploma and to prevent students from dropping out of school. Such
 169 programs shall include components that are research-based.

170 3. Career and technical education programs incorporated into the K through 12 curricula that include:

171 a. Knowledge of careers and all types of employment opportunities, including, but not limited to,
 172 apprenticeships, entrepreneurship and small business ownership, the military, and the teaching
 173 profession, and emphasize the advantages of completing school with marketable skills;

174 b. Career exploration opportunities in the middle school grades; and

175 c. Competency-based career and technical education programs that integrate academic outcomes,
 176 career guidance, and job-seeking skills for all secondary students. Programs ~~must~~ shall be based upon
 177 labor market needs and student interest. Career guidance shall include counseling about available
 178 employment opportunities and placement services for students exiting school. Each school board shall

179 develop and implement a plan to ensure compliance with the provisions of this subdivision. Such plan
 180 shall be developed with the input of area business and industry representatives and local community
 181 colleges and shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with the
 182 timelines established by federal law.

183 4. Educational objectives in middle and high school that emphasize economic education and financial
 184 literacy pursuant to § 22.1-200.03.

185 5. Early identification of students with disabilities and enrollment of such students in appropriate
 186 instructional programs consistent with state and federal law.

187 6. Early identification of gifted students and enrollment of such students in appropriately
 188 differentiated instructional programs.

189 7. Educational alternatives for students whose needs are not met in programs prescribed elsewhere in
 190 these standards. Such students shall be counted in average daily membership (ADM) in accordance with
 191 the regulations of the Board of Education.

192 8. Adult education programs for individuals functioning below the high school completion level.
 193 Such programs may be conducted by the school board as the primary agency or through a collaborative
 194 arrangement between the school board and other agencies.

195 9. A plan to make achievements for students who are educationally at risk a divisionwide priority
 196 that shall include procedures for measuring the progress of such students.

197 10. An agreement for postsecondary degree attainment with a community college in the
 198 Commonwealth specifying the options for students to complete an associate's degree or a one-year
 199 Uniform Certificate of General Studies from a community college concurrent with a high school
 200 diploma. Such agreement shall specify the credit available for dual enrollment courses and Advanced
 201 Placement courses with qualifying exam scores of three or higher.

202 11. A plan to notify students and their parents of the availability of dual enrollment and advanced
 203 placement classes, the International Baccalaureate Program, and Academic Year Governor's School
 204 Programs, the qualifications for enrolling in such classes and programs, and the availability of financial
 205 assistance to low-income and needy students to take the advanced placement and International
 206 Baccalaureate examinations. This plan shall include notification to students and parents of the agreement
 207 with a community college in the Commonwealth to enable students to complete an associate's degree or
 208 a one-year Uniform Certificate of General Studies concurrent with a high school diploma.

209 12. Identification of students with limited English proficiency and enrollment of such students in
 210 appropriate instructional programs.

211 13. Early identification, diagnosis, and assistance for students with reading and mathematics problems
 212 and provision of instructional strategies and reading and mathematics practices that benefit the
 213 development of reading and mathematics skills for all students.

214 Local school divisions shall provide reading intervention services to students in grade three who
 215 demonstrate deficiencies based on their individual performance on the Standards of Learning reading test
 216 or any reading diagnostic test that meets criteria established by the Department of Education. The local
 217 school division, in its discretion, shall provide such reading intervention services prior to promoting a
 218 student from grade three to grade four. Reading intervention services may include the use of: special
 219 reading teachers; trained aides; volunteer tutors under the supervision of a certified teacher;
 220 computer-based reading tutorial programs; aides to instruct in-class groups while the teacher provides
 221 direct instruction to the students who need extra assistance; and extended instructional time in the school
 222 day or school year for these students. Funds appropriated for prevention, intervention, and remediation;
 223 summer school remediation; at-risk; or early intervention reading may be used to meet the requirements
 224 of this subdivision.

225 14. Incorporation of art, music, and physical education as a part of the instructional program at the
 226 elementary school level.

227 15. A program of physical fitness available to all students with a goal of at least 150 minutes per
 228 week on average during the regular school year. Such program may include any combination of (i)
 229 physical education classes, (ii) extracurricular athletics, or (iii) other programs and physical activities
 230 deemed appropriate by the local school board. Each local school board shall incorporate into its local
 231 wellness policy a goal for the implementation of such program during the regular school year.

232 16. A program of student services for ~~grades~~ kindergarten through *grade* 12 that shall be designed to
 233 aid students in their educational, social, and career development.

234 17. The collection and analysis of data and the use of the results to evaluate and make decisions
 235 about the instructional program.

236 E. From such funds as may be appropriated or otherwise received for such purpose, there shall be
 237 established within the Department of Education a unit to (i) conduct evaluative studies; (ii) provide the
 238 resources and technical assistance to increase the capacity for school divisions to deliver quality
 239 instruction; and (iii) assist school divisions in implementing those programs and practices that will

240 enhance pupil academic performance and improve family and community involvement in the public
 241 schools. Such unit shall identify and analyze effective instructional programs and practices and
 242 professional development initiatives; evaluate the success of programs encouraging parental and family
 243 involvement; assess changes in student outcomes prompted by family involvement; and collect and
 244 disseminate among school divisions information regarding effective instructional programs and practices,
 245 initiatives promoting family and community involvement, and potential funding and support sources.
 246 Such unit may also provide resources supporting professional development for administrators and
 247 teachers. In providing such information, resources, and other services to school divisions, the unit shall
 248 give priority to those divisions demonstrating a less than 70 percent passing rate on the Standards of
 249 Learning assessments.

250 **§ 22.1-253.13:4. Standard 4. Student achievement and graduation requirements.**

251 A. Each local school board shall award diplomas to all secondary school students, including students
 252 who transfer from nonpublic schools or from home instruction, who earn the units of credit prescribed
 253 by the Board of Education, pass the prescribed tests, and meet such other requirements as may be
 254 prescribed by the local school board and approved by the Board of Education. Provisions shall be made
 255 to facilitate the transfer and appropriate grade placement of students from other public secondary
 256 schools, from nonpublic schools, or from home instruction as outlined in the standards for accreditation.
 257 Course credits earned for online courses taken in the Department of Education's Virtual Virginia
 258 program shall transfer to Virginia public schools in accordance with provisions of the standards for
 259 accreditation. Further, reasonable accommodation to meet the requirements for diplomas shall be
 260 provided for otherwise qualified students with disabilities as needed.

261 In addition, each local school board may devise, vis-a-vis the award of diplomas to secondary school
 262 students, a mechanism for calculating class rankings that takes into consideration whether the student has
 263 taken a required class more than one time and has had any prior earned grade for such required class
 264 expunged.

265 Each local school board shall notify the parents of rising eleventh and twelfth grade students of (i)
 266 the number and subject area requirements of standard and verified units of credit required for graduation
 267 pursuant to the standards for accreditation and (ii) the remaining number and subject area requirements
 268 of such units of credit the individual student requires for graduation.

269 B. Students identified as disabled who complete the requirements of their individualized education
 270 programs shall be awarded special diplomas by local school boards.

271 Each local school board shall notify the parent of such students with disabilities who have an
 272 individualized education program and who fail to meet the requirements for a standard or advanced
 273 studies diploma of the student's right to a free and appropriate education to age 21, inclusive, pursuant
 274 to Article 2 (§ 22.1-213 et seq.) of Chapter 13.

275 C. Students who have completed a prescribed course of study as defined by the local school board
 276 shall be awarded certificates of program completion by local school boards if they are not eligible to
 277 receive a Board of Education-approved diploma.

278 Each local school board shall provide notification of the right to a free public education for students
 279 who have not reached 20 years of age on or before August 1 of the school year, pursuant to Chapter 1
 280 (§ 22.1-1 et seq.), to the parent of students who fail to graduate or who have failed to achieve the
 281 number of verified units of credit required for graduation as provided in the standards for accreditation.
 282 If such student who does not graduate or achieve such verified units of credit is a student for whom
 283 English is a second language, the local school board shall notify the parent of the student's opportunity
 284 for a free public education in accordance with § 22.1-5.

285 D. In establishing course and credit requirements for a high school diploma, the Board shall:

286 1. Provide for the selection of integrated learning courses meeting the Standards of Learning and
 287 approved by the Board to satisfy graduation credit requirements, which shall include Standards of
 288 Learning testing, as necessary.

289 2. Establish the requirements for a standard and an advanced studies high school diploma, which
 290 shall each include at least one credit in fine or performing arts or career and technical education and one
 291 credit in United States and Virginia history. The requirements for a standard high school diploma shall,
 292 however, include at least two sequential electives chosen from a concentration of courses selected from a
 293 variety of options that may be planned to ensure the completion of a focused sequence of elective
 294 courses. Such focused sequence of elective courses shall provide a foundation for further education or
 295 training or preparation for employment. The advanced studies diploma shall be the recommended
 296 diploma for students pursuing baccalaureate study. Both the standard and the advanced studies diploma
 297 shall prepare students for post-secondary education and the career readiness required by the
 298 Commonwealth's economy.

299 Beginning with first-time ninth grade students in the 2013-2014 school year, requirements for the
 300 standard diploma shall include a requirement to earn a career and technical education credential that has

301 been approved by the Board, that could include, but not be limited to, the successful completion of an
302 industry certification, a state licensure examination, a national occupational competency assessment, or
303 the Virginia workplace readiness skills assessment.

304 *Beginning with first-time ninth grade students in the 2016-2017 school year, requirements for the*
305 *standard and advanced diplomas shall include a requirement to be trained in emergency first aid,*
306 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators, including hands-on*
307 *practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.*

308 The Board shall make provision in its regulations for students with disabilities to earn a standard
309 diploma.

310 3. Provide, in the requirements to earn a standard or advanced studies diploma, the successful
311 completion of one virtual course. The virtual course may be a noncredit-bearing course.

312 4. Provide, in the requirements for the verified units of credit stipulated for obtaining the standard or
313 advanced studies diploma, that students completing elective classes into which the Standards of Learning
314 for any required course have been integrated may take the relevant Standards of Learning test for the
315 relevant required course and receive, upon achieving a satisfactory score on the specific Standards of
316 Learning assessment, a verified unit of credit for such elective class that shall be deemed to satisfy the
317 Board's requirement for verified credit for the required course.

318 5. Establish a procedure to facilitate the acceleration of students that allows qualified students, with
319 the recommendation of the division superintendent, without completing the 140-hour class, to obtain
320 credit for such class upon demonstration of mastery of the course content and objectives. Having
321 received credit for the course, the student shall be permitted to sit for the relevant Standards of Learning
322 assessment and, upon receiving a passing score, shall earn a verified credit. Nothing in this section shall
323 preclude relevant school division personnel from enforcing compulsory attendance in public schools.

324 6. Provide for the award of verified units of credit for passing scores on industry certifications, state
325 licensure examinations, and national occupational competency assessments approved by the Board of
326 Education.

327 School boards shall report annually to the Board of Education the number of Board-approved
328 industry certifications obtained, state licensure examinations passed, national occupational competency
329 assessments passed, Virginia workplace readiness skills assessments passed, and the number of career
330 and technical education completers who graduated. These numbers shall be reported as separate
331 categories on the School Performance Report Card.

332 For the purposes of this subdivision, a "career and technical education completer" *means* a student
333 who has met the requirements for a career and technical concentration or specialization and all
334 requirements for high school graduation or an approved alternative education program.

335 In addition, the Board may:

336 a. For the purpose of awarding verified units of credit, approve the use of additional or substitute
337 tests for the correlated Standards of Learning assessment, such as academic achievement tests, industry
338 certifications or state licensure examinations; and

339 b. Permit students completing career and technical education programs designed to enable such
340 students to pass such industry certification examinations or state licensure examinations to be awarded,
341 upon obtaining satisfactory scores on such industry certification or licensure examinations, the
342 appropriate verified units of credit for one or more career and technical education classes into which
343 relevant Standards of Learning for various classes taught at the same level have been integrated. Such
344 industry certification and state licensure examinations may cover relevant Standards of Learning for
345 various required classes and may, at the discretion of the Board, address some Standards of Learning for
346 several required classes.

347 7. Provide for the waiver of certain graduation requirements (i) upon the Board's initiative or (ii) at
348 the request of a local school board. Such waivers shall be granted only for good cause and shall be
349 considered on a case-by-case basis.

350 E. In the exercise of its authority to recognize exemplary academic performance by providing for
351 diploma seals, the Board of Education shall develop criteria for recognizing exemplary performance in
352 career and technical education programs by students who have completed the requirements for a Board
353 of Education-approved diploma and shall award seals on the diplomas of students meeting such criteria.

354 In addition, the Board shall establish criteria for awarding a diploma seal for advanced mathematics
355 and technology for the Board of Education-approved diplomas. The Board shall consider including
356 criteria for (i) technology courses; (ii) technical writing, reading, and oral communication skills; (iii)
357 technology-related training; and (iv) industry, professional, and trade association national certifications.

358 The Board shall also establish criteria for awarding a diploma seal for excellence in civics education
359 and understanding of our state and federal constitutions and the democratic model of government for the
360 Board of Education-approved diplomas. The Board shall consider including criteria for (i) successful
361 completion of history, government, and civics courses, including courses that incorporate character

362 education; (ii) voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities that includes the
 363 types of activities that shall qualify as community service and the number of hours required; and (iii)
 364 related requirements as it deems appropriate.

365 F. The Board shall establish, by regulation, requirements for the award of a general achievement
 366 adult high school diploma for those persons who are not subject to the compulsory school attendance
 367 requirements of § 22.1-254 and have (i) achieved a passing score on the GED examination; (ii)
 368 successfully completed an education and training program designated by the Board of Education; (iii)
 369 earned a Board of Education-approved career and technical education credential such as the successful
 370 completion of an industry certification, a state licensure examination, a national occupational competency
 371 assessment, or the Virginia workplace readiness skills assessment; and (iv) satisfied other requirements
 372 as may be established by the Board for the award of such diploma.

373 G. To ensure the uniform assessment of high school graduation rates, the Board shall collect,
 374 analyze, and report high school graduation and dropout data using a formula prescribed by the Board.

375 The Board may promulgate such regulations as may be necessary and appropriate for the collection,
 376 analysis, and reporting of such data.

377 **§ 22.1-274. School health services.**

378 A. A school board shall provide pupil personnel and support services, in compliance with
 379 § 22.1-253.13:2. A school board may employ school nurses, physicians, physical therapists, occupational
 380 therapists, and speech therapists. No such personnel shall be employed unless they meet such standards
 381 as may be determined by the Board of Education. Subject to the approval of the appropriate local
 382 governing body, a local health department may provide personnel for health services for the school
 383 division.

384 B. In implementing subsection O of § 22.1-253.13:2, relating to providing support services ~~which~~
 385 *that* are necessary for the efficient and cost-effective operation and maintenance of its public schools,
 386 each school board may strive to employ, or contract with local health departments for, nursing services
 387 consistent with a ratio of at least one nurse (i) per 2,500 students by July 1, 1996; (ii) per 2,000
 388 students by July 1, 1997; (iii) per 1,500 students by July 1, 1998; and (iv) per 1,000 students by July 1,
 389 1999. In those school divisions in which there are more than 1,000 students in average daily
 390 membership in school buildings, this section shall not be construed to encourage the employment of
 391 more than one nurse per school building. Further, this section shall not be construed to mandate the
 392 aspired-to ratios.

393 C. The Board of Education shall monitor the progress in achieving the ratios set forth in subsection
 394 B ~~of this section~~ and any subsequent increase in prevailing statewide costs, and the mechanism for
 395 funding health services, pursuant to subsection O of § 22.1-253.13:2 and the appropriation act. The
 396 Board shall also determine how school health funds are used and school health services are delivered in
 397 each locality and shall provide, by December 1, 1994, a detailed analysis of school health expenditures
 398 to the House Committee on Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee
 399 on Education and Health, and the Senate Committee on Finance.

400 D. With the exception of school administrative personnel and persons employed by school boards
 401 who have the specific duty to deliver health-related services, no licensed instructional employee,
 402 instructional aide, or clerical employee shall be disciplined, placed on probation, or dismissed on the
 403 basis of such employee's refusal to (i) perform nonemergency health-related services for students or (ii)
 404 obtain training in the administration of insulin and glucagon. However, instructional aides and clerical
 405 employees may not refuse to dispense oral medications.

406 For the purposes of this subsection, "health-related services" means those activities ~~which~~ *that*, when
 407 performed in a health care facility, must be delivered by or under the supervision of a licensed or
 408 certified professional.

409 E. Each school board shall ensure that, in school buildings with an instructional and administrative
 410 staff of ~~ten 10~~ or more, (i) at least ~~two~~ *three* employees have current certification *or training* in
 411 *emergency first aid*, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, ~~or have received training, within the last two years,~~
 412 *in emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external*
 413 *defibrillator* and (ii) if one or more students diagnosed as having diabetes attend such school, at least
 414 two employees have been trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon. In school buildings with
 415 an instructional and administrative staff of fewer than ~~ten 10~~, school boards shall ensure that ~~(i)~~ *(a)* at
 416 least ~~one employee has two employees have~~ *two employees have* current certification *or training* in *emergency first aid*,
 417 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, ~~or has received training, within the last two years, in emergency first aid~~
 418 ~~and cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator~~ and ~~(ii)~~ *(b)* if one
 419 or more students diagnosed as having diabetes attend such school, at least one employee has been
 420 trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon. "Employee" ~~shall include~~ *includes* any person
 421 employed by a local health department who is assigned to the public school pursuant to an agreement
 422 between the local health department and the school board. When a registered nurse, nurse practitioner,

423 physician, or physician assistant is present, no employee who is not a registered nurse, nurse
 424 practitioner, physician, or physician assistant shall assist with the administration of insulin or administer
 425 glucagon. Prescriber authorization and parental consent shall be obtained for any employee who is not a
 426 registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician, or physician assistant to assist with the administration of
 427 insulin and administer glucagon.

428 **§ 22.1-274.4. Automated external defibrillators.**

429 *Each local school board may develop a plan to allow for the placement, care, and use, and funding*
 430 *of an automated external defibrillator in every school.*

431 **§ 22.1-298.1. Regulations governing licensure.**

432 A. As used in this section:

433 "Alternate route to licensure" means a nontraditional route to teacher licensure available to
 434 individuals who meet the criteria specified in the regulations issued by the Board of Education.

435 "Licensure by reciprocity" means a process used to issue a license to an individual coming into
 436 Virginia from another state when that individual meets certain conditions specified in the Board of
 437 Education's regulations.

438 "Professional teacher's assessment" means those tests mandated for licensure as prescribed by the
 439 Board of Education.

440 "Provisional license" means a nonrenewable license issued by the Board of Education for a specified
 441 period of time, not to exceed three years, to an individual who may be employed by a school division in
 442 Virginia and who generally meets the requirements specified in the Board of Education's regulations for
 443 licensure, but who may need to take additional coursework or pass additional assessments to be fully
 444 licensed with a renewable license.

445 "Renewable license" means a license issued by the Board of Education for five years to an individual
 446 who meets the requirements specified in the Board of Education's regulations.

447 B. The Board of Education shall prescribe, by regulation, the requirements for the licensure of
 448 teachers and other school personnel required to hold a license. Such regulations shall include
 449 requirements for the denial, suspension, cancellation, revocation, and reinstatement of licensure. The
 450 Board of Education shall revoke the license of any person for whom it has received a notice of
 451 dismissal or resignation pursuant to subsection F of § 22.1-313 and, in the case of a person who is the
 452 subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect, after all rights to any appeal provided by
 453 § 63.2-1526 have been exhausted. Regardless of the authority of any other agency of the Commonwealth
 454 to approve educational programs, only the Board of Education shall have the authority to license
 455 teachers to be regularly employed by school boards, including those teachers employed to provide
 456 nursing education.

457 The Board of Education shall prescribe by regulation the licensure requirements for teachers who
 458 teach only online courses, as defined in § 22.1-212.23. Such license shall be valid only for teaching
 459 online courses. Teachers who hold a five-year renewable license issued by the Board of Education may
 460 teach online courses for which they are properly endorsed.

461 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section and the Board's authority to license teachers, local
 462 school boards shall be authorized to issue valid, three-year local eligibility licenses pursuant to
 463 § 22.1-299.3.

464 C. The Board of Education's regulations shall include requirements that a person seeking initial
 465 licensure:

466 1. Complete professional assessments as prescribed by the Board of Education;

467 2. Complete study in attention deficit disorder;

468 3. Complete study in gifted education, including the use of multiple criteria to identify gifted
 469 students; and

470 4. Complete study in methods of improving communication between schools and families and ways
 471 of increasing family involvement in student learning at home and at school.

472 D. In addition, such regulations shall include requirements that:

473 1. Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license demonstrate proficiency in the use of
 474 educational technology for instruction;

475 2. Every person seeking initial licensure and persons seeking licensure renewal as teachers who have
 476 not completed such study shall complete study in child abuse recognition and intervention in accordance
 477 with curriculum guidelines developed by the Board of Education in consultation with the Department of
 478 Social Services that are relevant to the specific teacher licensure routes;

479 3. Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall receive professional
 480 development in instructional methods tailored to promote student academic progress and effective
 481 preparation for the Standards of Learning end-of-course and end-of-grade assessments; ~~and~~

482 4. *Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall provide evidence of completion*
 483 *of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of*

484 *automated external defibrillators. The certification or training program shall be based on the current*
 485 *national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation*
 486 *and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart*
 487 *Association or the American Red Cross. The Board shall provide a waiver for this requirement for any*
 488 *person with a disability whose disability prohibits such person from completing the certification or*
 489 *training; and*

490 4. 5. Every person seeking licensure with an endorsement as a teacher of the blind and visually
 491 impaired shall demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing Braille.

492 E. The Board's regulations shall require that initial licensure for principals and assistant principals be
 493 contingent upon passage of an assessment as prescribed by the Board.

494 F. The Board shall establish criteria in its regulations to effectuate the substitution of experiential
 495 learning for coursework for those persons seeking initial licensure through an alternate route as defined
 496 in Board regulations.

497 G. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Board may provide for the issuance of
 498 a provisional license, valid for a period not to exceed three years, to any person who does not meet the
 499 requirements of this section or any other requirement for licensure imposed by law.

500 H. The Board's licensure regulations shall also provide for licensure by reciprocity:

501 1. With comparable endorsement areas for those individuals holding a valid out-of-state teaching
 502 license and national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or a
 503 nationally recognized certification program approved by the Board of Education. The application for
 504 such individuals shall require evidence of such valid licensure and national certification and shall not
 505 require official student transcripts;

506 2. For individuals who have obtained a valid out-of-state license, with full credentials and without
 507 deficiencies, that is in force at the time the application for a Virginia license is received by the
 508 Department of Education. The individual must establish a file in the Department of Education by
 509 submitting a complete application packet, which shall include official student transcripts. An assessment
 510 of basic skills as provided in § 22.1-298.2 and service requirements shall not be imposed for these
 511 licensed individuals; however, other licensing assessments, as prescribed by the Board of Education,
 512 shall be required; and

513 3. The Board may include other provisions for reciprocity in its regulations.

514 **§ 22.1-299.3. Three-year local eligibility license.**

515 A. Local school boards shall be authorized, upon recommendation of the local superintendent, to
 516 issue a valid three-year nonrenewable local eligibility license to classroom teacher candidates in
 517 accordance with the following criteria:

518 1. No such license shall be issued to teachers providing instruction in special education, and the
 519 issuance of such license shall be restricted to those teachers providing instruction in courses that do not
 520 represent core academic areas as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, as it
 521 may be amended.

522 2. No more than 10 percent of the classroom teachers employed by the relevant local school division
 523 shall hold such local licenses, based on the number of classroom teachers employed by such school
 524 division during the preceding school year.

525 3. The applicant for a three-year local eligibility license shall have earned a baccalaureate degree
 526 from an accredited institution of higher education and shall have such experience or training in a subject
 527 or content area as the local school board and superintendent may deem appropriate for the intended
 528 teaching assignment.

529 4. *The applicant for a three-year local eligibility license shall provide evidence of completion of*
 530 *certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated*
 531 *external defibrillators. The certification or training program shall be based on the current national*
 532 *evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use*
 533 *of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association*
 534 *or the American Red Cross. The local school board shall provide a waiver for this requirement for any*
 535 *person with a disability whose disability prohibits such person from completing the certification or*
 536 *training.*

537 4. 5. The holder of a three-year local eligibility license shall be required to complete such training
 538 within the three-year licensure period as may be specified by the division superintendent, the school
 539 board, and standards prescribed by the Board of Education which shall include, but need not be limited
 540 to, curriculum and instruction, including educational technology, reading, and other specific course
 541 content relating to the Standards of Learning, differentiation of instruction, classroom/behavior
 542 management, and human growth and development.

543 ~~5.~~ 6. The local eligibility license shall only be valid within the issuing school division.

544 ~~6.~~ 7. No local eligibility license shall be issued if the teacher candidate/applicant is eligible for a

545 collegiate professional or postgraduate professional license issued by the Department of Education.

546 7- 8. Teachers issued a three-year local eligibility license shall be considered probationary teachers,
547 shall not be eligible for continuing contract status while employed under the authority of a local license,
548 and shall be subject to the probationary terms of employment specified in § 22.1-303.

549 B. Except as specified in this section and § 22.1-303, a teacher employed while holding a local
550 eligibility license shall be entitled and subject to all other requirements and rights provided by law or
551 regulation.

552 C. Any teacher employed pursuant to a local eligibility license shall be issued a collegiate
553 professional or postgraduate professional license upon the expiration of the local eligibility license upon
554 satisfaction of the following conditions: (i) recommendation by the division superintendent and the
555 school board for such licensure; (ii) the completion of three successful years of teaching experience
556 while holding a valid three-year local eligibility license as certified by the division superintendent and
557 the school board; (iii) achieving a satisfactory score on the professional teacher's examinations required
558 by the Board; and (iv) such standards as may be prescribed by the Board of Education.

559 D. Local school boards shall provide to the Board of Education information about teachers receiving
560 local eligibility licenses and other data related to the local school division's issuance of eligibility
561 licenses as prescribed by the Board. The Board is authorized to revoke and reinstate a local school
562 board's authority to issue local eligibility licenses upon a determination of any violation of this section.

563 **2. That the Board of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Health, shall adopt**
564 **regulations and establish guidelines to implement the provisions of this act.**