

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to provide two-year waivers from third grade Standards of Learning assessments in certain*  
3 *cases.*

4 [H 2144]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1.** *§ 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Board of Education shall grant a*  
8 *two-year waiver from the science or history and social science Standards of Learning assessment*  
9 *requirement, or both, for third grade students to a public elementary school that had an adjusted pass*  
10 *rate of less than 75 percent on the Standards of Learning reading assessments administered during the*  
11 *previous school year and that: (a) applies for a waiver in the form and by the deadline prescribed by*  
12 *the Board pursuant to regulation; (b) hires a full-time reading specialist to work with the third grade*  
13 *students and teachers in the school; (c) develops a system to monitor the academic progress of all third*  
14 *grade students in the subject area in which the assessment waiver is sought, which shall include the*  
15 *administration of a summative assessment or another divisionwide assessment to third grade students in*  
16 *that subject area; (d) commits to publishing the adjusted pass rate of third grade students on such*  
17 *summative assessment or other divisionwide assessment once the results are available; and (e) commits*  
18 *to providing at least 30 minutes of instruction per day to third grade students in the subject area in*  
19 *which the assessment waiver is sought.*

20 *The Board of Education shall consider applications and grant waivers based on the criteria above*  
21 *from the third grade Standards of Learning assessment in science or history and social science or both*  
22 *in advance of the 2013-2014 school year, based on the school's adjusted pass rate on the Standards of*  
23 *Learning reading assessments administered during the 2011-2012 school year.*

24 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2015.**

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