

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-253.13:7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school boards;  
3 procedures; sexually explicit instructional materials or related academic activities.

4 [H 2191]  
5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 22.1-253.13:7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**  
8 **§ 22.1-253.13:7. Standard 7. School board policies.**

9 A. Each local school board shall develop policies and procedures to address complaints of sexual  
10 abuse of a student by a teacher or other school board employee.

11 B. Each local school board shall maintain and follow up-to-date policies. All school board policies  
12 shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

13 C. Each local school board shall ensure that policies are developed giving consideration to the views  
14 of teachers, parents, and other concerned citizens and addressing the following:

15 1. A system of two-way communication between employees and the local school board and its  
16 administrative staff whereby matters of concern can be discussed in an orderly and constructive manner;

17 2. The selection and evaluation of all instructional materials purchased by the school division, with  
18 clear procedures for handling ~~challenged~~ controversial instructional materials, including procedures for  
19 (i) notifying, at the beginning of each school year and at such times as an additional notification may  
20 become necessary during the school year, the parent of any student enrolled in a course in which the  
21 instructional materials or related academic activities may include sexually explicit content of the  
22 potential for such sexually explicit content in such course and (ii) providing, as a replacement for  
23 instructional materials or related academic activities that include sexually explicit content, nonexplicit  
24 instructional materials or related academic activities to any student whose parent so requests. As used  
25 in this subdivision, "sexually explicit content" means content that involves any criminal sexual assault  
26 defined and punishable as a felony under Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2 or any  
27 act defined and punishable as a felony under § 18.2-361;

28 3. The standards of student conduct and attendance and enforcement procedures designed to provide  
29 that public education be conducted in an atmosphere free of disruption and threat to persons or property  
30 and supportive of individual rights;

31 4. School-community communications and community involvement;

32 5. Guidelines to encourage parents to provide instructional assistance to their children in the home,  
33 which may include voluntary training for the parents of children in grades K through three;

34 6. Information about procedures for addressing concerns with the school division and recourse  
35 available to parents pursuant to § 22.1-87;

36 7. A cooperatively developed procedure for personnel evaluation appropriate to tasks performed by  
37 those being evaluated; and

38 8. Grievances, dismissals, etc., of teachers, and the implementation procedure prescribed by the  
39 General Assembly and the Board of Education, as provided in Article 3 (§ 22.1-306 et seq.) of Chapter  
40 15, and the maintenance of copies of such procedures.

41 D. A current copy of all school division policies and regulations approved by the local school board,  
42 including the Student Conduct Policy, shall be posted on the division's website and shall be available to  
43 employees and to the public. School boards shall ensure that printed copies of such policies and  
44 regulations are available as needed to citizens who do not have online access.

45 E. An annual announcement shall be made in each division at the beginning of the school year and,  
46 for parents of students enrolling later in the academic year, at the time of enrollment, advising the public  
47 that the policies are available in such places.