

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-279.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the use of seclusion*  
3 *and restraint in public schools.*

4 [H 2599]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 22.1-279.1:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 22.1-279.1:1. The use of seclusion and restraint in public schools; Board of Education**  
9 **regulations.**

10 The Board shall adopt regulations on the use of seclusion and restraint in public elementary and  
11 secondary schools in the Commonwealth that (i) are consistent with its Guidelines for the Development  
12 of Policies and Procedures for Managing Student Behavior in Emergency Situations and the Fifteen  
13 Principles contained in the U.S. Department of Education's Restraint and Seclusion: Resource Document;  
14 (ii) include definitions, criteria for use, restrictions for use, training requirements, notification  
15 requirements, reporting requirements, and follow-up requirements; and (iii) address distinctions,  
16 including distinctions in emotional and physical development, between (a) the general student population  
17 and the special education student population and (b) elementary school students and secondary school  
18 students. *The Board shall specifically (1) identify and prohibit the use of any method of restraint or*  
19 *seclusion that it determines poses a significant danger to the student and (2) establish safety standards*  
20 *for seclusion.*

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