

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 509

An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-79.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school meal policies.

[H 697]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-79.7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-79.7. School meal policies.

Each local school board shall adopt policies that:

1. Prohibit school board employees from requiring a student who cannot pay for a meal at school or who owes a school meal debt to *throw away or discard a meal after it has been served to him*, do chores or other work to pay for such meals, or wear a wristband or hand stamp; and
2. Require school board employees to direct any communication relating to a school meal debt to the student's parent. Such policy may permit such communication to be made by a letter addressed to the parent to be sent home with the student.