

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 876

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-279.3:3, relating to public schools; alternative accountability process; assault and battery without bodily injury.

[S 1020]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-279.3:3 as follows:

§ 22.1-279.3:3. Alternative school discipline process.

A. A school board may establish an alternative school discipline process to provide the parties involved in an incident described in clause (i) of subsection A of § 22.1-279.3:1 the option to enter into a mutually agreed-upon process between the involved parties. Such process shall be designed to hold the student accountable for a noncriminal offense through a mutually agreed-upon standard.

B. If provided for in the process established by the school board, no principal shall report pursuant to subsection D of § 22.1-279.3:1 a party who successfully completes the alternative school discipline process. If the parties fail to agree to participate in the process or fail to successfully complete the alternative school discipline process, then the principal may report the incident to the local law-enforcement agency pursuant to subsection D of § 22.1-279.3:1.