

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to require the Department of Education to collect data from school boards regarding their ability to fill school counselor positions.

[H 1653]

Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Department of Education shall collect data from school boards regarding their ability to fill school counselor positions, including (i) the number of school counselors employed in elementary, middle, and high schools in the local school division; (ii) the number and duration of school counselor vacancies; (iii) the number, role, and license type of other licensed counseling professionals employed by the school board; and (iv) information about their preferences for meeting updated school counselor to student ratios with other licensed counseling professionals. The Department of Education shall report the results of such data collection to the Governor, the Secretary of Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than June 30, 2021.*