

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-16.8, relating to the*
3 *Department of Education; model policies; instructional material; sexually explicit content; parental*
4 *notification.*

5 [S 656]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-16.8 as follows:**9 **§ 22.1-16.8. *Instructional material; sexually explicit content; parental notification.***10 *A. As used in this section, "sexually explicit content" has the same meaning as provided in*
11 *subsection A of § 2.2-2827.*12 *B. The Department shall develop and make available to each school board model policies for*
13 *ensuring parental notification of any instructional material that includes sexually explicit content and*
14 *include information, guidance, procedures, and standards relating to:*15 *1. Ensuring parental notification;*16 *2. Directly identifying the specific instructional material and sexually explicit subjects; and*17 *3. Permitting the parent of any student to review instructional material that includes sexually explicit*
18 *content and provide, as an alternative, nonexplicit instructional material and related academic activities*
19 *to any student whose parent so requests.*20 *C. Each school board shall adopt policies that are consistent with but may be more comprehensive*
21 *than the model policies developed by the Department pursuant to subsection B.*22 **2. That the Department of Education shall develop and make available to each school board model**
23 **policies pursuant to subsection B of § 22.1-16.8 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, no**
24 **later than July 31, 2022.**25 **3. That each school board shall adopt policies pursuant to subsection C of § 22.1-16.8 of the Code**
26 **of Virginia, as created by this act, no later than January 1, 2023.**27 **4. That the provisions of this act shall not be construed as requiring or providing for the**
28 **censoring of books in public elementary and secondary schools.**

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