

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact Chapter 760 of the Acts of Assembly of 2022, relating to Department of*  
3 *Education; Standards of Learning assessment revision work group; timeline for Request for Proposal*  
4 *for provider of revised assessments.*

5 [H 2469]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That Chapter 760 of the Acts of Assembly of 2022 is amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 § 1. That the Secretary of Education and the Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction shall  
10 convene and consult a work group consisting of representatives of the Department of Education and  
11 other appropriate stakeholders to revise the Virginia Standards of Learning summative assessments of  
12 proficiency that require students to demonstrate that they possess the skills, knowledge, and content  
13 necessary for success and to develop a plan for implementation of such revised assessments.

14 § 2. In developing such revised assessments and plan, the work group shall consider (i) best practices  
15 and innovations in summative assessments of proficiency from across the nation; (ii) alternative  
16 approaches to current and new assessment items, including subject areas and methods of grading such  
17 items; (iii) assessment items that include open-ended questions, long-form writing, and other tasks, with  
18 student responses scored by the Department according to statewide scoring rubrics; (iv) plan for pilot  
19 implementation of such assessment items prior to the 2027-2028 school year as necessary to determine  
20 the validity of such items; (v) the process for the development of a bank of vetted sample assessment  
21 items that include a comprehensive representation of knowledge and skills being assessed; (vi) the  
22 legislative and regulatory changes and funding necessary to implement alternative approaches considered  
23 by the work group; and (vii) a proposed timeline for implementation of such new assessments, giving  
24 consideration to implementation prior to the 2027-2028 school year. Nothing in this act shall prohibit  
25 the work group from looking at all forms of assessment. Such work group shall not be responsible for  
26 implementation of such revised assessment items unless there is further action from the General  
27 Assembly.

28 § 3. That the Department of Education shall submit its initial plan for implementation of revised  
29 Virginia Standards of Learning summative assessments of proficiency developed pursuant to § 2 of this  
30 act to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education and  
31 Health, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance and  
32 Appropriations no later than November 1, 2023, and shall provide updates on the implementation of  
33 such plan no later than November 1 of each year thereafter through 2027.

34 § 4. *The Department of Education shall not release a Request for Proposal for a provider of revised*  
35 *Virginia Standards of Learning summative assessments of proficiency until after the work group*  
36 *convened and consulted pursuant to § 1 of this act has submitted its initial plan for implementation of*  
37 *revised Virginia Standards of Learning summative assessments of proficiency pursuant to this act. To*  
38 *ensure continuity in the administration of the state assessment program, and notwithstanding relevant*  
39 *provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq. of the Code of Virginia), the*  
40 *Department of Education is permitted to extend the current state assessment contract until December 31,*  
41 *2025.*

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