

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-277.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to admission of expelled*
3 *students.*

4 [H 628]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 22.1-277.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 22.1-277.2. Admission of expelled students; authority to exclude under certain circumstances.

9 A student, who has been expelled from attendance at school by a school board or a private school in
10 this Commonwealth or in another state for an offense in violation of school board policies related to
11 *destruction of school property or privately-owned property while located on school property*, weapons,
12 alcohol or drugs, or for the willful infliction of injury to another person, may be excluded from
13 attendance *by a local school board* in Virginia, *regardless of whether such student has been admitted to*
14 *another school division or private school in the Commonwealth or in another state subsequent to such*
15 *expulsion*, for no more than one school year upon a finding that the student presents a danger to the
16 other students or staff of the school division after (i) written notice to the student and his parent,
17 guardian, or other person having control or charge that the student may be subject to exclusion, the
18 reasons therefor, and, in the event of such exclusion, of the right to appeal the decision at a hearing
19 before the school board or a committee thereof; and (ii) a review of the case has been conducted by the
20 division superintendent or his designee and exclusion has been recommended. If the decision by the
21 superintendent or his designee has been appealed to a committee of the school board, the student or his
22 parent, guardian or other person having control or charge shall be provided written notice of the right to
23 appeal the decision to the full board, which shall, within thirty days following any such hearing, notify
24 in writing, the student or his parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of its decision.
25 Upon the expiration of the exclusion period, which shall not be more than one school year, the student
26 may petition the school board for admission. For the purposes of this section, "one school year" shall
27 mean no more than 180 teaching days.

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