

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 RECONVENED SESSION

## CHAPTER 879

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 8.01-220.1:2, relating to civil immunity for teachers under certain circumstances.*

[H 2504]

Approved April 2, 1997

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 8.01-220.1:2 as follows:**

*§ 8.01-220.1:2. Civil immunity for teachers under certain circumstances.*

*A. Any teacher employed by a local school board in this Commonwealth shall not be liable for any civil damages for any acts or omissions resulting from the supervision, care or discipline of students when such acts or omissions are within such teacher's scope of employment and are taken in good faith in the course of supervision, care or discipline of students, unless such acts or omissions were the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.*

*B. This section shall not be construed to limit, withdraw or overturn any defense or immunity already existing in statutory or common law or to affect any claim occurring prior to the effective date of this law.*

**2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**