

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1999 SESSION

## CHAPTER 854

*An Act to amend and reenact § 63.1-26 of the Code of Virginia, relating to education requirements for social workers.*

[S 1168]

Approved March 29, 1999

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

**1. That § 63.1-26 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 63.1-26. Establishment of entrance and performance standards.

The Board shall establish minimum entrance and performance standards for the personnel employed by the Commissioner, local boards and local superintendents in the administration of the succeeding chapters of this title and make necessary regulations to maintain such entrance and performance standards, including such regulations as may be embraced in the development of a system of personnel administration meeting requirements of the federal Department of Health and Human Services under appropriate federal legislation relating to programs administered by the Board. ~~However,~~ The Board shall provide that the Department of Social Services and its local units shall not employ any person in any social work position that provides direct client services unless that person holds at least a baccalaureate degree. Such requirement shall not be waived by the Department, Board, or any local director or local governing body, unless such person has been employed prior to January 1, 1999, by the Department of Social Services or its local units in a social work position that provides direct client services. The state grievance procedure promulgated pursuant to Chapter 10.01 (§ 2.1-116.01 et seq.) of Title 2.1 shall apply to the personnel employed by the Commissioner and employees, including local superintendents or directors of the local boards and local departments, unless the local governing body elects to include employees of local welfare departments and local welfare boards under the grievance procedure adopted pursuant to ~~§ 15.1-7.1~~ 15.2-1406.