

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

4 [S 1168]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 63.1-26 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 63.1-26. Establishment of entrance and performance standards.

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

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