

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-348 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia School for*
3 *the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton.*

4 [S 1305]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 22.1-348 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 22.1-348. Persons eligible; fees; educational programs to be provided; attendance zones; admissions
9 procedures.

10 A. Persons of ages two through twenty-one shall be eligible for educational services provided by the
11 schools. Until July 1, 1993, there shall be no charge for the education of students, but fees for student
12 activities may be charged at the Board's discretion. Beginning July 1, 1993, the Department of Education
13 shall be entitled to deduct annually from the locality's share for the education of pupils with disabilities
14 a sum equal to the actual local expenditure per pupil in support of those students placed by the relevant
15 local school division in either of the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. The amount of the
16 actual transfers shall be based on data accumulated during the prior school year.

17 B. *From such funds as may be appropriated*, the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at
18 Staunton shall provide an educational program for children *in preschool through grade twelve* who are
19 deaf ~~from preschool through grade twelve~~, and an educational program for children *in preschool through*
20 *grade twelve* who are blind ~~from preschool through grade twelve~~, and an educational program for
21 children *in preschool through grade twelve who have visual and sensory disabilities and who are*
22 *identified as emotionally disturbed pursuant to Board of Education regulations*. The Virginia School for
23 the Deaf and the Blind at Hampton shall provide an educational program for children *in preschool*
24 *through grade twelve* who are deaf ~~from preschool through grade twelve~~, an educational program for
25 children *in preschool through grade twelve* who are blind ~~from preschool through grade twelve~~, and an
26 educational program for children *in preschool through grade twelve* with sensory-impaired multiple
27 disabilities ~~from preschool through grade twelve~~.

28 The preschool programs may be residential or nonresidential or both at the discretion of the Board.
29 The Board, from time to time, may approve additional programs as may be appropriate.

30 "Sensory-impaired multiple disabilities" means, for the purposes of this section and the identification
31 of the program at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Hampton, concomitant impairments,
32 including at least one significant sensory impairment, the combination of which requires services that
33 cannot be provided in special education programs designed solely for one impairment. The term does
34 not include deaf-blindness.

35 C. The Board may establish geographic attendance zones to determine the school each student shall
36 attend. Students with sensory-impaired multiple disabilities shall attend the Virginia School for the Deaf
37 and the Blind at Hampton.

38 D. The Board shall prescribe procedures and criteria for determining admission to the Virginia
39 School for the Deaf and the Blind at Hampton and the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at
40 Staunton. The appropriateness of the placement of each student attending either school shall be reviewed
41 at least annually.

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