

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 Schools for*
3 *the Deaf and the Blind.*

4 [S 1306]

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; admissions procedures.

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

16 B. The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton shall provide an educational program
17 for children *in preschool through grade twelve* who are deaf ~~from preschool through grade twelve~~ and
18 an educational program for children *in preschool through grade twelve* who are blind ~~from preschool~~
19 ~~through grade twelve~~. The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Hampton shall provide an
20 educational program for children *in preschool through grade twelve* who are deaf ~~from preschool~~
21 ~~through grade twelve~~, an educational program for children *in preschool through grade twelve* who are
22 blind ~~from preschool through grade twelve~~, and an educational program for children *in preschool*
23 *through grade twelve* with sensory-impaired multiple disabilities ~~from preschool through grade twelve~~.

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

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

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

34 D. ~~The Board shall prescribe procedures and criteria for determining admission to~~ *and the*
35 *appropriate placement in* the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Hampton and the Virginia
36 School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton. The appropriateness of the placement of each student
37 attending either school shall be reviewed at least annually.

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