

## 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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