

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-212.1:2, relating to*  
3 *education programs to promote waste reduction and resource efficiency; green schools program.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-212.1:2 as follows:**

8 *§ 22.1-212.1:2. Green schools program; education programs to promote waste reduction and*  
9 *resource efficiency.*

10 *A. To assist local school boards in the development and implementation of programs of instruction*  
11 *that comply with the provisions of subsection C of § 22.1-253.13:1, specifically relating to citizenship*  
12 *and environmental issues and geography necessary for responsible participation in American society and*  
13 *the international community, the Board of Education may cooperate with environmental groups, other*  
14 *relevant state agencies, such as, but not limited to, the Department of Environmental Quality and the*  
15 *Department of Health, and other stakeholders in the development of a green schools program for*  
16 *Virginia. Any such green schools program shall focus on waste reduction through recycling and other*  
17 *mechanisms and educating students to help schools contain costs and to reduce waste production*  
18 *through resource efficiency.*

19 *B. In the development and implementation of any such program, the Board shall examine other*  
20 *states' green schools programs and shall receive input from parents, teachers, school administrators,*  
21 *school boards, business and industry leaders, and local governments. The Board shall also strive to*  
22 *identify businesses and other organizations that may provide support in the form of resources or funding*  
23 *for appropriate awards for any green schools program that may be implemented in the Commonwealth.*

24 *C. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the Board or any school board in the*  
25 *Commonwealth to implement a green school program or to imply or otherwise indicate that state or*  
26 *local funding is required to develop or implement any green school program.*

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