

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to authorize T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria to be opened before Labor Day in 2006;*
3 *sunset.*

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5 Approved

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6 Whereas, T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia, was opened in 1971 and, at a time of
7 racial turmoil, became famous for the role the Titans football team played in bringing the community
8 together; and

9 Whereas, T.C. Williams continues to serve a uniquely integrated and united community with a
10 diverse student population having many talents and many needs; and

11 Whereas, in 2007, 35-year-old T.C. Williams High School will be replaced with a new
12 state-of-the-art building designed as a sustainable structure to be user-friendly for high school reform
13 initiatives that is being constructed on the same property as the existing school; and

14 Whereas, beginning with demolition of one wing and a parking lot in December 2004, construction
15 of the new T.C. Williams High School is scheduled to be completed in precise phases that accommodate
16 the continuing and safe operation of the present school until the summer of 2007 when the old school
17 will be demolished and final construction, clean-up, and relocation to the new high school will be
18 completed; and

19 Whereas, § 22.1-79.1 of the Code of Virginia requires local school boards to set the school calendar
20 so that the first day students are required to attend school will be after Labor Day, with waivers
21 authorized by the Board of Education under narrow circumstances that do not address school
22 construction; and

23 Whereas, a smooth, seamless, and safe relocation of the T.C. Williams students and programs to the
24 new high school by the fall of 2007 will require that the old T.C. Williams High School begin its first
25 day of the 2006-2007 school year prior to Labor Day 2006 in order to close its doors forever by the end
26 of May 2007; now, therefore,

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

28 **1. § 1. Opening of the 2006 school year at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria.**

29 *Notwithstanding the provisions of § 22.1-79.1, the School Board of the City of Alexandria may set*
30 *the 2006-2007 school calendar for the old T.C. Williams High School so that the first day students are*
31 *required to attend the old T.C. Williams High School for the 2006-2007 school year shall be prior to*
32 *Labor Day of 2006 and the last day students shall be required to attend the old T.C. Williams High*
33 *Schools shall be at the end of May 2007.*

34 *In setting its 2006-2007 school calendar for all other Alexandria schools, the School Board of the*
35 *City of Alexandria shall comply with the provisions of § 22.1-79.1.*

36 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on January 1, 2007.**

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