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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 1 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of Assembly of 2009, as amended by
3 Chapters 398 and 604 of the Acts of Assembly of 2010, and Chapters 391 and 411 of the Acts of
4 Assembly of 2011, relating to the delayed implementation of certain regulations and state statutes
5 related to the accreditation of schools.

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Approved

8 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

9 1. That § 1 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of Assembly of 2009, as amended by Chapters 398 and 604 10 of the Acts of Assembly of 2010, and Chapter 391 of the Acts of Assembly of 2011, is amended 11 and reenacted as follows:

12 § 1. That no statutes or regulations prescribing additional requirements upon which the accreditation 13 rating of schools in the Commonwealth is based, pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:3 of the Code of Virginia, beyond those already in effect on July 1, 2008, shall become effective before July 1, 2012 2013, unless 14 15 such statutes or regulations are also specifically required by federal code, federal regulation, or court action. Furthermore, that no statutes or regulations prescribing additional graduation requirements, 16 pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:4 of the Code of Virginia, shall become effective before July 1, 2012 2013, 17 unless such statutes or regulations are also specifically required by federal code, federal regulation, or 18 19 court action. Furthermore, the passing rates required for full accreditation in 2012-2013 2013-2014 based on assessments administered during the 2011-2012 2012-2013 school year shall be the same passing 20 rates required for full accreditation during the 2008-2009 school year. Notwithstanding the provisions of 21 this section, schools with a graduating class shall meet prescribed thresholds on a graduation and 22 23 completion rate index, as prescribed by the Board of Education, for accreditation ratings for 2011-2012. 24 Furthermore, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, regulations prescribing economics and 25 financial literacy as a graduation requirement and related changes to the standard and advanced studies 26 diplomas diploma, pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:4 of the Code of Virginia, shall become effective July 1, 27 2011.

28 2. That § 1 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of Assembly of 2009, as amended by Chapters 398 and 604 29 of the Acts of Assembly of 2010, and Chapter 411 of the Acts of Assembly of 2011, is amended 30 and reenacted as follows:

31 § 1. That no statutes or regulations prescribing additional requirements upon which the accreditation 32 rating of schools in the Commonwealth is based, pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:3 of the Code of Virginia, 33 beyond those already in effect on July 1, 2008, shall become effective before July 1, 2012 2013, unless 34 such statutes or regulations are also specifically required by federal code, federal regulation, or court 35 action. Furthermore, that no statutes or regulations prescribing additional graduation requirements, pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:4 of the Code of Virginia, shall become effective before July 1, 2012 2013, 36 37 unless such statutes or regulations are also specifically required by federal code, federal regulation, or 38 court action. Furthermore, the passing rates required for full accreditation in 2012-2013 2013-2014 based 39 on assessments administered during the 2011-2012 2012-2013 school year shall be the same passing 40 rates required for full accreditation during the 2008-2009 school year. Notwithstanding the provisions of 41 this section, schools with a graduating class shall meet prescribed thresholds on a graduation and 42 completion rate index, as prescribed by the Board of Education, for accreditation ratings for 2011-2012. 43 Furthermore, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, regulations prescribing economics and financial literacy as a graduation requirement and related changes to the standard and advanced studies 44 45 diploma, pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:4 of the Code of Virginia, shall become effective July 1, 2011.