

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Board of Education to develop a grading system for individual school*  
3 *performance.*

4 [H 1999]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *The Board of Education shall approve student growth indicators by July 31, 2013. The*  
8 *Department of Education shall provide a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the*  
9 *approval of the student growth indicators and their uses by December 1, 2013. The growth indicators*  
10 *shall be used in the standards of accreditation of schools and in teacher evaluations.*

11 **§ 2.** *The Board of Education shall report individual school performance using a grading system that*  
12 *includes the standards of accreditation, state and federal accountability requirements, and student*  
13 *growth indicators in assigning grades. The grading system shall be based on an A-to-F grading scale.*  
14 *The Board, by October 1, 2014, shall (i) assign a grade from A to F to each public school in the*  
15 *Commonwealth; (ii) make both the system and the grade assigned to each school in the Commonwealth*  
16 *available to the public; and (iii) report to the General Assembly a summary of the system and the*  
17 *assigned grades.*

18 **§ 3.** *As used in this act, for purposes of assigning grades, "student growth" means (i) whether*  
19 *individual students on average fall below, meet, or exceed an expected amount of growth based on a*  
20 *statewide average or reference base year on state assessments or additional assessments approved by*  
21 *the Board; (ii) maintaining a proficient or advanced proficient performance level on state assessments;*  
22 *or (iii) making significant improvement within the below basic or basic level of performance on reading*  
23 *or mathematics assessments as determined by the Board.*

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