

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-253.13:7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public schools;*
3 *policies and regulations.*

4 [H 2019]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 22.1-253.13:7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 22.1-253.13:7. Standard 7. School board policies.**9 A. Each local school board shall develop policies and procedures to address complaints of sexual
10 abuse of a student by a teacher or other school board employee.11 B. Each local school board shall maintain and follow up-to-date policies. All school board policies
12 shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.13 C. Each local school board shall ensure that policies are developed giving consideration to the views
14 of teachers, parents, and other concerned citizens and addressing the following:15 1. A system of two-way communication between employees and the local school board and its
16 administrative staff whereby matters of concern can be discussed in an orderly and constructive manner;17 2. The selection and evaluation of all instructional materials purchased by the school division, with
18 clear procedures for handling challenged controversial materials;19 3. The standards of student conduct and attendance and enforcement procedures designed to provide
20 that public education be conducted in an atmosphere free of disruption and threat to persons or property
21 and supportive of individual rights;

22 4. School-community communications and community involvement;

23 5. Guidelines to encourage parents to provide instructional assistance to their children in the home,
24 which may include voluntary training for the parents of children in grades K through three;25 6. Information about procedures for addressing concerns with the school division and recourse
26 available to parents pursuant to § 22.1-87;27 7. A cooperatively developed procedure for personnel evaluation appropriate to tasks performed by
28 those being evaluated; and29 8. Grievances, dismissals, etc., of teachers, and the implementation procedure prescribed by the
30 General Assembly and the Board of Education, as provided in Article 3 (§ 22.1-306 et seq.) of Chapter
31 15 of this title, and the maintenance of copies of such procedures.32 D. A current copy of ~~the~~ all school division policies and regulations approved by the local school
33 board, ~~required by this section~~, including the Student Conduct Policy, shall be posted on the division's
34 website and shall be available to employees and to the public. School boards shall ensure that printed
35 copies of such policies and regulations are available as needed to citizens who do not have online
36 access.37 E. An annual announcement shall be made in each division at the beginning of the school year and,
38 for parents of students enrolling later in the academic year, at the time of enrollment, advising the public
39 that the policies are available in such places.

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