

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-279.1:1, relating to the use of*
3 *seclusion and restraint in public schools; Board of Education regulations.*

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5 Approved

[S 782]

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-279.1:1 as follows:**

8 **§ 22.1-279.1:1. *The use of seclusion and restraint in public schools; Board of Education***
9 ***regulations.***

10 *The Board shall adopt regulations on the use of seclusion and restraint in public elementary and*
11 *secondary schools in the Commonwealth that (i) are consistent with its Guidelines for the Development*
12 *of Policies and Procedures for Managing Student Behavior in Emergency Situations and the Fifteen*
13 *Principles contained in the U.S. Department of Education's Restraint and Seclusion: Resource*
14 *Document; (ii) include definitions, criteria for use, restrictions for use, training requirements,*
15 *notification requirements, reporting requirements, and follow-up requirements; and (iii) address*
16 *distinctions, including distinctions in emotional and physical development, between (a) the general*
17 *student population and the special education student population and (b) elementary school students and*
18 *secondary school students.*

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