

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-17.6, relating to public*
3 *elementary and secondary schools and local school divisions; information and forms.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-17.6 as follows:**

8 **§ 22.1-17.6. Public elementary and secondary schools and local school divisions; information and**
9 **forms.**

10 *A. The Board shall adopt policies to ensure that the Department of Education does not require*
11 *public elementary or secondary schools or local school divisions to (i) provide information that is*
12 *already available to or housed within the Department of Education; (ii) provide the same written*
13 *information more than once during a school year, absent a change in the underlying information; (iii)*
14 *complete forms for students with disabilities unless such forms are necessary to ensure compliance with*
15 *the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1431 et seq.); or (iv) provide*
16 *information that is not necessary to comply with state or federal law unless such information is relevant*
17 *to student outcomes or the efficient operation of the public schools, provided that the Department of*
18 *Education may require such schools and local school divisions to provide any such information or*
19 *complete any such forms if the Department of Education demonstrates a compelling need or*
20 *demonstrates that it does not have a more expeditious method for obtaining the information or*
21 *completing the forms.*

22 *B. The Department of Education shall study the transition to electronic submission of all information*
23 *and forms to the Department of Education by public elementary and secondary schools and local school*
24 *divisions and submit a report of its findings to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and*
25 *the Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than November 1, 2016.*

26 *C. The Department of Education shall annually evaluate and determine the continued need for the*
27 *information that it collects from public elementary and secondary schools and local school divisions. In*
28 *making such evaluation and determination, the Department of Education shall consider whether the*
29 *information that it collects is required by state or federal law.*

30 *D. The Board shall report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate*
31 *Committee on Education and Health by November 15 of each year on (i) information that public*
32 *elementary and secondary schools and local school divisions are required to provide to the Department*
33 *of Education pursuant to state law, (ii) the results of the annual evaluation and determination made by*
34 *the Department of Education pursuant to subsection C, (iii) any reports required of public elementary or*
35 *secondary schools or local school divisions that the Department of Education has consolidated, (iv) any*
36 *information that the Department of Education no longer collects from public elementary or secondary*
37 *schools or local school divisions, and (v) any forms that the Department of Education no longer*
38 *requires public elementary or secondary schools or local school divisions to complete.*

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