

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2019 SESSION

CHAPTER 226

An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-140 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school buildings; plans to be reviewed by a professional trained and experienced in crime prevention through building design.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-140 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-140. Plans for buildings to be approved by division superintendent.

No public school building or addition or alteration thereto, for either permanent or temporary use, shall be advertised for bid, contracted for, erected, or otherwise acquired until the plans and specifications therefor (i) have been approved in writing by the division superintendent ~~and~~; (ii) are accompanied by a statement by an architect or professional engineer licensed by the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects that such plans and specifications are, in his professional opinion and belief, in compliance with the regulations of the Board of Education and the Uniform Statewide Building Code; and (iii) have been reviewed by an individual or entity with professional expertise in building security and crime prevention through building design. The division superintendent's approval, architect's or engineer's statement, *all reviewers' comments*, and a copy of the final plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.