

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-138 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school buildings; electronic*
3 *room partitions.*

4 [H 1753]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 22.1-138 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 22.1-138. Minimum standards for public school buildings.**

9 A. The Board of Education shall prescribe by regulation minimum standards for the erection of or
10 addition to public school buildings governing instructional, operational, health and maintenance facilities
11 where these are not specifically addressed in the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

12 B. By July 1, 1994, every school building in operation in the Commonwealth shall be tested for
13 radon pursuant to procedures established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
14 for radon measurements in schools.

15 School buildings and additions opened for operation after July 1, 1994, shall be tested for radon
16 pursuant to such EPA procedures and regulations prescribed by the Board of Education pursuant to
17 subsection A of this section. Each school shall maintain files of its radon test results and make such
18 files available for review. The division superintendent shall report radon test results to the Department of
19 Health.

20 C. *No school employee shall open or close an electronic room partition in any school building*
21 *unless (i) no student is present in such building, (ii) (a) no student is present in the room or area in*
22 *which such partition is located and (b) such room or area is locked or otherwise inaccessible to*
23 *students, or (iii) such partition includes a safety sensor that automatically stops the partition when a*
24 *body passes between the leading edge and a wall, an opposing partition, or the stacking area.*

25 D. *Any annual safety review or exercise for school employees in a local school division shall include*
26 *information and demonstrations, as appropriate, regarding the provisions of subsection C.*

27 E. *The Department of Education shall make available to each school board model safety guidance*
28 *regarding the operation of electronic room partitions.*

ENROLLED

HB1753ER