

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-199.7, relating to the*  
3 *Department of Education; community schools.*

4 [H 1355]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-199.7 as follows:**8 **§ 22.1-199.7. Community schools.**

9 *A. In order to remove nonacademic barriers to learning as a means to enhance student academic*  
10 *success in public elementary and secondary schools throughout the Commonwealth, the Department of*  
11 *Education shall establish an interagency task force composed of state and local agencies and entities in*  
12 *the areas of early childhood development, health, social services, community engagement, family*  
13 *engagement, higher education, communities in schools, and workforce development for the purpose of (i)*  
14 *developing a program for the establishment of community schools whereby public elementary and*  
15 *secondary schools serve as centers for the provision of such community programs and services to*  
16 *students and their families as may be necessary on the basis of unique needs of the student population*  
17 *to be served and (ii) developing and providing to the Governor, the Secretary of Education, local school*  
18 *boards, and other interested state, local, and private entities policy recommendations relating to the*  
19 *coordinated delivery of community services to students and their families and the operation of*  
20 *community schools throughout the Commonwealth in accordance with the Virginia Community School*  
21 *Framework.*

22 *B. The community schools program established pursuant to subsection A shall include a process by*  
23 *which school boards and community partnerships consisting of school boards and other community and*  
24 *service providers may apply to the Department of Education to designate an elementary or secondary*  
25 *school in the local school division as a community school. The application process shall include*  
26 *requirements for applicants to provide a plan for the sustainability of the community school and for the*  
27 *measurement of the success and effectiveness of the community school. The Department of Education*  
28 *shall consult with the interagency task force established pursuant to subsection A in the selection of*  
29 *applications and the designation of community schools.*

30 **2. In implementing the provisions of this act, the Department of Education (the Department) shall**  
31 **adhere to its recommendations as published in the Virginia Community School Framework in**  
32 **October 2019, subject to any further research, development, modification of, or addition to such**  
33 **recommendations by the Department.**

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