

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 RECONVENED SESSION

## CHAPTER 784

*An Act to amend and reenact § 4.1-309 of the Code of Virginia, relating to alcoholic beverage control; drinking on school grounds.*

[S 862]

Approved April 2, 1997

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

**1. That § 4.1-309 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 4.1-309. Drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages in or on public school grounds; penalty.

A. No person shall possess or drink any alcoholic beverage in or upon the grounds of any public elementary or secondary school during school hours or school or student activities.

B. In addition, no person shall drink and no organization shall serve any alcoholic beverage in or upon the grounds of any public elementary or secondary school after school hours or school or student activities, except for religious congregations using wine for sacramental purposes only.

C. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

D. *This section shall not prohibit any person from possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages or any organization from serving alcoholic beverages in areas approved by the Board at a performing arts center owned by any city having a population between 100,000 and 105,000, provided the organization operating the performing arts center or its lessee has a license granted by the Board.*