

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Board of Education, in conjunction with the Secretary of Education and the*
3 *Superintendent of Public Instruction, to convene a group of stakeholders to evaluate certain current*
4 *and proposed policies and performance standards for public elementary and secondary schools and*
5 *students and report recommendations for revising these policies and standards to promote excellence*
6 *and higher student achievement.*

7 [H 938]
8 Approved

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

10 1. § 1. *The Board of Education (the Board) shall collaborate with the Superintendent of Public*
11 *Instruction and the Secretary of Education to convene a group of stakeholders to include parents, public*
12 *school principals, public school superintendents, public school board members, public school teachers,*
13 *institutions of higher education, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, industry partners*
14 *and employers, and other concerned stakeholders to evaluate, to implement where possible, and to*
15 *otherwise make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the following goals:*

- 16 1. *Promoting excellence in instruction and student achievement in mathematics;*
17 2. *Expanding the Advanced Studies Diploma as an option for students in public high schools in the*
18 *Commonwealth;*
19 3. *Increasing the transparency of performance measures for public elementary and secondary schools*
20 *in the Commonwealth;*
21 4. *Ensuring that performance measures for public elementary and secondary schools prioritize the*
22 *attainment of grade-level proficiency and growth during the course of a school year and from school*
23 *year to school year in reading and mathematics for all students, especially in grades kindergarten*
24 *through five;*
25 5. *Ensuring that the Commonwealth's proficiency standards on Standards of Learning assessments in*
26 *reading and mathematics are maintained; and*
27 6. *Ensuring a strong accreditation system that promotes meaningful accountability year-over-year.*
28 § 2. *No later than November 30, 2022, the Secretary of Education and the Superintendent of Public*
29 *Instruction shall report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate*
30 *Committee on Education and Health the results of the evaluation conducted pursuant to § 1 of this act*
31 *and recommendations to achieve the goals set forth in § 1 of this act.*