

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-343 of the Code of Virginia, relating to access to online GED  
3 courses by incarcerated persons.

4 [H 3191]  
5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 22.1-343 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 22.1-343. Powers and duties of Board.

9 The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

10 1. To adopt and enforce all necessary rules and regulations for the management and operation of the  
11 schools in the Department except that the rules and regulations adopted hereunder shall not conflict with  
12 rules and regulations relating to security adopted by the institutions to which the pupils are committed;

13 2. To visit and inspect the schools at reasonably frequent intervals;

14 3. To establish schools of the appropriate grades, levels and types in the institutions and  
15 community-based programs for adults as set forth in §§ 53.1-67.7 and 53.1-67.8 comprising the  
16 Department and to adopt regulations for the admission of pupils thereto;

17 4. To enter into such agreements with private entities, nonprofit civic organizations, school divisions,  
18 and public and private two-year and four-year institutions of higher education as it may deem necessary  
19 to provide age appropriate educational programs and training, including career and technical education,  
20 career development opportunities, public service projects, *restricted Internet access to approved or*  
21 *accredited online secondary education or adult education and literacy programs leading to a diploma or*  
22 *the General Education Development (GED) program and testing, and other learning experiences in the*  
23 *furtherance of its duties and responsibilities under this chapter for persons committed to the institutions*  
24 *comprising the Department;*

25 5. To promulgate regulations, in cooperation with the Board of Education, for the reenrollment in the  
26 public schools of students who have been in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Such  
27 regulations shall include the components required in a reenrollment plan and shall provide for  
28 consistency in the curricula, standards and policies between the educational programs required by this  
29 chapter, and those of the Board of Education;

30 6. To name the various individual schools, but such names need not be associated or identified with  
31 the institution or facility within which they are located;

32 7. To receive and disburse funds from any source for the purposes of providing education in such  
33 Department; and

34 8. To provide technical assistance to local correctional facilities which house convicted state felons,  
35 upon request of any such facility, in establishing or improving career and technical, adult and special  
36 education programs.