

VASSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Highlights of K-12 Funding for 2011-2012

- Reduces K-12 education funding by \$253M over the biennium above the \$1B recommended in the Kaine budget (which included the cap on support personnel).
- Maintains current funding for middle and high school planning period.
- Provides a 100% hold-harmless on the Composite Index in the first year and 50% in the second year for those divisions that were due to lose funds in the re-calculation of the local composite index (LCI).
- Does not adopt the House proposal to block grant Lottery-funded programs for at-risk students.
- Increases reimbursement for school breakfasts from 20 cents to 22 cents per meal.
- Restores VPSA technology grants of over \$57M in each year.
- Allows for temporary increases to maximum class sizes by one; waives staffing requirements for ESL, elementary resource teachers, gifted, career and technical, instructional and support technology, librarians, and guidance counselors.
- Modifies federal revenue deduct to reflect funded support costs; reduces textbook funding by about 1/3 each year; extends the formula for school bus replacement from 12 to 15 years.

*NOTE: Governor McDonnell will recommend that a provision passed by the 2010 General Assembly to allow localities/school boards to require employee contribution into retirement, up to 5%, be removed (for current employees).

Priority Education Bills Passed during the 2010 Session:

School Board/Administration

HB 111 Schools; delayed implementation of statutes and regulations, until July 2011, upon which full accreditation is based with exception of new graduation and completion indices for accreditation.

HB 196 Graduation requirements; delayed implementation including economics and financial literacy requirements.

HB 208 School divisions; policy on Internet shall be posted on its website and certified without required annual report.

HB 491 Consumable materials; clarifies that no charge shall be made for materials that are not directly used by students.

HB 566 Standards of Quality; annual report to include the number of workplace readiness skills assessments and national occupational competency assessments passed.

HB 1172 Virginia Index of Performance incentive program; to recognize and reward fully accredited schools.

HB 1388 Virtual school programs; established.

HB 1389 College Partnership Laboratory Schools; established.

HB 1390 Charter schools, public; review & consideration of application by Board of Education & school board.

SB 197 Public schools; clarifies that school division, rather than individual schools, shall maintain records of pesticide application on school grounds.

SB 269 Driver education programs; fuel-efficient driving practices to be included in curriculum.

SB 413 Triennial census; eliminates three-year requirement for locality.

SB 414 Nutritional guidelines; Board and VDH to develop for all competitive foods in public schools;

SB 299 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, Council; DOE liaison.

Instruction

HB 257 Homebound instruction services; Board of Education shall review its regulations regarding those who shall assign student for homebound instruction.

HB 394 Standards of Quality; language amended to “shall support” rather than “ensure” that sequential elective requirements be identified in student plans.

Personnel/Retirement

HB 623 Substitute teachers; may be employed longer than 90 teaching days in a school year.

HB 737 E-Verify Program; requires state agencies and those newly hired to perform work to be checked through e-verify beginning in 2012.

HB 1189 Retirement System; modifies for new employees all defined benefit retirement plans including requirements for unreduced early retirement benefits from 50 years old and 30 years service to one whereby sum of age plus years of service equals 90.

HB 1353 DUI; alcohol possession or consumption prohibited while operating a school bus, penalty.

SB 715 Civics education; new requirements to be developed for education preparation programs for teachers in history and social sciences, K-6 and 6-8, to include local government and civics specific to State.

Discipline/Safety

HB 107 Adult students; notifying schools when charged under jurisdiction of Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

HB 227 Sex offender; prohibiting entry onto school property of those that are violent, exceptions; local school boards maintain authority over those who may enter.

HB 682 Gang-free zones; expanded to include public buildings and grounds, penalty.

HB 907 Reports to school authorities; local law-enforcement authorities to report terms of release from detention for student charged with offense that would be adult misdemeanor.

HB 1217 Firearm safety education program; school boards may offer in elementary grades.

SB 408 Concealed weapons; creates new exemption to allow person to carry a handgun in motor vehicle or vessel if secured in compartment.

SB 580 Airsoft guns; prohibited on school property.

Students/Special Education

HB 304 Va. Grade Level Alternative; annual justification required for each student taking VGLA.

HB 863 Driver's license, eliminates authority of court to issue restricted student license for travel to and from school.

HB 1199 Waiver of certain graduation requirements; Board of Education to waive for good cause to address unforeseen issues such as health of student, etc.

SB 46 Special education; recovery of attorney fees for parties under certain circumstances.

SB 196 School nonattendance; clarifies that principal or designee, including attendance officer, to notify parent.

SB 209 International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement courses; institutions of higher education must make policy available on website regarding course credit.

SB 354 NCLB; allows localities to administer locally developed or selected LEP assessment if approved by Board of Education.

SB 361 Religious holidays; student's absence because of observance thereof must be recorded as excused.

SB 652 Concussions; Board of Education to develop guidelines dealing with student-athletes.

HB 211 Freedom of Information Act; definition of scholastic record to mean information directly related to student or applicant for admission to educational institution.

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