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Dr. Patricia Wright Superintendent of Public Instruction Virginia Department of Education James Monroe Building 101 North 14th Street Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Rules Governing Film Circulation from State and Regional Audiovisual Services (8 VAC 20 – 300)

Dear Dr. Wright:

You ask whether the Department Education possesses the requisite authority to repeal the above-referenced regulations pursuant to a fast-track process.

I find that Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-4012.1 allows agencies, including the Department of Education, to submit a fast-track regulation or repeal "upon the concurrence of the Governor, and after written notice to the applicable standing committees of the Senate of Virginia and the House of Delegates, and to the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules...without having previously published a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action." I find that the fast-track process is appropriate for this repeal of regulations and approve this course of action subject to the requirements contained in Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-4012.1.

The foregoing represents my view as your legal counsel but is not an official Opinion of the Attorney General. If you require additional assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Jake A. Belue Assistant Attorney General