



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

13 VAC 5-80 – Virginia Standards for Individual and Regional Code Academies
Department of Housing and Community Development
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Housing and Community Development (Board) proposes to amend the Virginia Standards for Individual and Regional Academies to clarify requirements for Certificate of Accreditation applications and for renewal of Certificates of Accreditation.

Result of Analysis

Benefits will likely outweigh costs for these proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Current regulations contain some, but not all, of the requirements that local and regional code academies¹ must meet to get their initial Certificates of Accreditation and renew them each year. The Board proposes to add all current requirements to these regulations so that it is very apparent to localities what is required of them if they wish to maintain their own code academies. No entity is likely to incur additional costs on account of these proposed regulations. To the extent that the Board's proposed changes clarify requirements that might be unclear in current regulations, affected entities are likely to benefit.

Businesses and Entities Affected

Board staff reports that there are two local code academies (run by Fairfax and Prince William Counties) in the Commonwealth in addition to the regional code academies run by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Board staff further reports that

¹ These regulations define a code academy as “an educational institution established in accordance with §36-137 of the Code of Virginia that is accredited by DHCD to conduct classes to prepare an individual to pursue an occupation

Prince William's code academy has one full time staff person and also has 21 individuals who are approved to provide training. Fairfax's code academy has two full time staff members and 20 individuals who are approved to provide training. It is likely that not all individuals who are approved to provide training will provide training in any given training cycle.

Localities Particularly Affected

Prince William County and Fairfax County will likely be particularly affected by these regulations.

Projected Impact on Employment

This regulatory action will likely have no impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

These proposed regulatory changes are unlikely to affect the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

These proposed regulations will not affect any small businesses in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

These proposed regulations will not affect any small businesses in the Commonwealth.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.04 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 14 (10). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, a determination of the public benefit, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of

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persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has an adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.