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## Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Board of Education
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	<u>8 VAC 20-542-10 et seq.</u>
<b>Regulation title</b>	<i>Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia</i>
<b>Action title</b>	Revise the <i>Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia</i>
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	September 11, 2012

This information is required for executive branch review and the Virginia Registrar of Regulations, pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), Executive Orders 14 (2010) and 58 (1999), and the *Virginia Register Form, Style, and Procedure Manual*.

### Purpose

*Please describe the subject matter and intent of the planned regulatory action. Also include a brief explanation of the need for and the goals of the new or amended regulation.*

Section [22.1-298.2](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, states, in part, the following: “Education preparation programs shall meet the requirements for accreditation and program approval as prescribed by the Board of Education in its regulations....”

On September 21, 2007, *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* promulgated by the Board of Education, became effective. One additional amendment became effective on January 19, 2011, that responded to a requirement of the 2010 Virginia General Assembly to include local government and civics instruction specific to Virginia in certain preparation programs.

A comprehensive review of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* will be conducted. The regulations in their entirety will be examined. These regulations will be repealed, and new regulations are to be promulgated.

## Legal basis

*Please identify the state and/or federal legal authority to promulgate this proposed regulation, including (1) the most relevant citations to the Code of Virginia or General Assembly chapter number(s), if applicable, and (2) promulgating entity, i.e., agency, board, or person. Your citation should include a specific provision authorizing the promulgating entity to regulate this specific subject or program, as well as a reference to the agency/board/person's overall regulatory authority.*

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*Constitution of Virginia (Article VIII, Section 4): "The general supervision of the public school system shall be vested in a Board of Education...."*

*Code of Virginia, Section [22.1-16](#). Bylaws and regulations generally.*

*Code of Virginia, Section [22.1-298.2](#). Regulations governing education preparation programs. ["...Education preparation programs shall meet the requirements for accreditation and program approval as prescribed by the Board of Education in its regulations...."]*

*Code of Virginia, Section [22.1-305.2](#). Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure.*

## Need

*Please detail the specific reasons why the agency has determined that the proposed regulatory action is essential to protect the health, safety, or welfare of citizens. In addition, delineate any potential issues that may need to be addressed as the regulation is developed.*

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The proposed regulatory action is essential to protect the health, safety, or welfare of citizens as the regulations set forth the requirements for college and university programs that prepare instructional personnel to be accredited and approved. The completion of an approved program prepares an individual to be licensed by the Virginia Board of Education.

## Substance

*Please detail any changes that will be proposed. Be sure to define all acronyms. For new regulations, include a summary of the proposed regulatory action. Where provisions of an existing regulation are being amended, explain how the existing regulation will be changed.*

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A comprehensive review of the approved program regulations will be conducted. The regulations will be examined in their entirety, and recommendations for revisions will be presented to the Virginia Board of Education for review.

## Alternatives

*Please describe all viable alternatives to the proposed regulatory action that have been or will be considered to meet the essential purpose of the action. Also, please describe the process by which the agency has considered or will consider other alternatives for achieving the need in the most cost-effective manner.*

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No specific alternatives exist. A comprehensive review of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* requires regulatory action.

## Public participation

*Please indicate whether the agency is seeking comments on the intended regulatory action, including ideas to assist the agency in the development of the proposal and the costs and benefits of the alternatives stated in this notice or other alternatives. Also, indicate whether a public hearing is to be held to receive comments on this notice.*

*Please also indicate, pursuant to your Public Participation Guidelines, whether a Regulatory Advisory Panel or a Negotiated Rulemaking Panel will be used in the development of the proposed regulation. Please state one of the following: 1) a panel will be appointed and the agency's contact if you're interested in serving on the panel is \_\_\_\_\_; 2) a panel will not be used; or 3) public comment is invited as to whether to use a panel to assist in the development of this regulatory proposal.*

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The agency is seeking comments on this regulatory action, including, but not limited to 1) ideas to be considered in the development of this proposal, 2) the costs and benefits of the alternatives stated in this background document or other alternatives, and 3) potential impacts of the regulation. The agency is also seeking information on impacts on small businesses as defined in § 2.2-4007.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. Information may include 1) projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative costs, 2) the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses, and 3) the description of less intrusive or costly alternatives for achieving the purpose of the regulation.

Anyone wishing to submit comments may do so via the Regulatory Town Hall Web site (<http://www.townhall.virginia.gov>), or by mail, e-mail, or fax to Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver, director of teacher education, Virginia Department of Education; P. O. Box 2120; Richmond, Virginia 23218-2120; (phone) 804-371-2475; (fax) 804-530-4510. Written comments must include the name and address of the commenter. In order to be considered, comments must be received by midnight on the last day of the public comment period.

A public hearing will be held following the publication of the proposed stage of this regulatory action and notice of the hearing will be posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall Web site (<http://www.townhall.virginia.gov>) and on the Commonwealth Calendar Web site (<http://www.virginia.gov/cmsportal3/cgi-bin/calendar.cgi>). Both oral and written comments may be submitted at that time.

## Family impact

*Assess the potential impact of the proposed regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.*

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The *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* set forth the requirements for the accreditation and approval of programs to prepare instructional personnel. The review of the regulations will have a positive impact on the family since the requirements will address the quality preparation of instructional personnel in the Commonwealth.