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MEMORANDUM

To: Melissa L. Luchau
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Virginia Department of Education

From: Mona H. Siddiqui 
Assistant Attorney General

Date: June 10, 2015

Re: Proposed Regulation 8 VAC 20-150 Management of the Student's Scholastic Record in the Public Schools of Virginia (*Exempt Action*) (Action 4309, Stage 7137)

I have reviewed the proposed regulation, the text of which was electronically mailed to me on June 3, 2015, to determine whether the State Board of Education (State) has the authority to promulgate the regulation and if the proposed regulation comports with applicable state law. Pursuant to *Code of Virginia* §22.1-16, the Board has authority to promulgate regulations to carry out its statutory powers and duties. Additionally, pursuant to the *Code of Virginia* §22.1-287.01, the Board has authority to prescribe by regulation the requirements for management of students' scholastic record in the public schools of Virginia.

It is this Office's view that the Board has the authority to promulgate this proposed regulation, subject to compliance with Virginia Office of the Governor Executive Order 17 (2014), and has not exceeded that authority. It is also this Office's view that this regulatory action is exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act. In accordance with the provisions of §2.2-4006(A)(4)(a), the proposed amendments to these regulations are solely to align them with the changes made to the 2014 General Assembly by the adoption of HB 449. The Virginia Department of Education had no discretion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the address above, by telephone at (804) 786-1068 or by electronic mail at msiddiqui@oag.state.va.us. Thank you.

cc: Ronald C. Forehand, Sr. Assistant Attorney General and Section Chief

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