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## Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	State Board of Education
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	8VAC20-23-10, 8VAC-23-100, 8VAC20-23-270
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Licensure Regulations for School Personnel
<b>Action title</b>	Revisions to align 8VAC20-23 with Chapter 642 of the 2024 Acts of the Assembly
<b>Final agency action date</b>	July 25, 2024
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	July 25, 2024

This information is required for executive branch review pursuant to Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19. In addition, this information is required by the Virginia Registrar of Regulations pursuant to the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Regulations must conform to the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

### Brief Summary

*Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

[Chapter 642](#) of the 2024 acts of the Assembly directs the Board to amend 8VAC20-23. This regulatory chapter pertains to the licensure requirements for school personnel. Chapter 642 establishes universal licensure by reciprocity as a category of teacher licensure. This applies to teachers who hold a valid out-of-state teaching license with full credentials and without deficiencies that has been in force and in use by the individual as an employed teacher in a non-virtual classroom setting at a public or private elementary or secondary school for at least three years prior to and is in force at the time of application and meet other provisions set forth in the chapter. The chapter also allows a division superintendent rather than the Board, as is required by current law, to issue a CTE teacher a provisional license to allow time for the teacher to attain the industry certification credential required by law. Lastly, the chapter requires the Department of Education to compile, publicly post on its website, and update as necessary, data on teacher licensure standards and requirements for each state for the purposes of facilitating the

determination of the compatibility of out-of-state teacher licenses with requirements for teacher licensure and licensure in by reciprocity in the Commonwealth and increasing the transparency of such requirements.

### **Mandate and Impetus**

*Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined in the ORM procedures, "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."*

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This action results from a legislative mandate. Chapter 642 of the 2024 Acts of the Assembly directs the Board to amend its regulations pertaining to teacher licensure.

### **Statement of Final Agency Action**

*Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.*

The State Board of Education approved the regulatory action "Revisions to Align 8VAC20-23 with Chapter 642 of the 2024 Acts of the Assembly" on July 25, 2024.