



Fast Track Proposed Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Department of Education
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	8 VAC 20-500-10
Regulation title	Regulations Governing Student Insurance Programs
Action title	Repeal of the regulation
Date this document prepared	June 5, 2007

This information is required for executive branch review and the Virginia Registrar of Regulations, pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), Executive Orders 36 (2006) and 58 (1999), and the *Virginia Register Form, Style, and Procedure Manual*.

Brief summary

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 2 short paragraphs) of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes.

The *Regulations Governing Student Insurance Programs* (8 VAC 20-500-10) were adopted on or before September 1, 1980. This regulation has not been amended since that time. It authorizes, but does not require, local school divisions to purchase, at their discretion, student accident insurance coverage for school-related injuries.

Statement of final agency action

Please 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.

This regulation was initially promulgated on or before September 1, 1980 and has not been amended since that time. The Board of Education authorized the Department of Education to proceed with the repeal of the *Regulations Governing Student Insurance Programs* on May 30, 2007.

Legal basis

Please identify the state and/or federal legal authority to promulgate this proposed regulation, including (1) the most relevant law and/or regulation, including General Assembly chapter number(s), if applicable, and (2) promulgating entity, i.e., the agency, board, or person. Describe the scope of the legal authority and the extent to which the authority is mandatory or discretionary.

Section 22.1-16 of the Code of Virginia provides that “The Board of Education may adopt bylaws for its own governance and promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out its powers and duties and the provisions of this title.” This regulation does not require local school divisions to purchase insurance; it only permits them to do so. Since school divisions can already purchase student accident insurance coverage for school-related injuries, and this regulation does not require them to do so, it is unnecessary and should be repealed.

Purpose

Please explain the need for the new or amended regulation. Describe the rationale or justification of the proposed regulatory action. Detail the specific reasons the regulation is essential to protect the health, safety or welfare of citizens. Discuss the goals of the proposal and the problems the proposal is intended to solve.

This regulation does not require local school divisions to do anything; it merely permits them to do so. Therefore, it is unnecessary and should be repealed.

Rationale for using fast track process

Please explain the rationale for using the fast track process in promulgating this regulation. Why do you expect this rulemaking to be noncontroversial?

Please note: If an objection to the use of the fast-track process is received within the 60-day public comment period from 10 or more persons, any member of the applicable standing committee of either house of the General Assembly or of the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, the agency shall (i) file notice of the objection with the Registrar of Regulations for publication in the Virginia Register, and (ii) proceed with the normal promulgation process with the initial publication of the fast-track regulation serving as the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action.

The repeal of this regulation will not be controversial because it does not require local school divisions to do anything. School divisions can already purchase the insurance covered by this regulation and will continue to do so. Therefore, the regulation is unnecessary.

Substance

Please briefly identify and explain the new substantive provisions, the substantive changes to existing sections, or both where appropriate. (Provide more detail about these changes in the “Detail of changes” section.)

No changes are being made to this regulation. It is being repealed.

Issues

Please identify the issues associated with the proposed regulatory action, including:

- 1) the primary advantages and disadvantages to the public, such as individual private citizens or businesses, of implementing the new or amended provisions;*
- 2) the primary advantages and disadvantages to the agency or the Commonwealth; and*
- 3) other pertinent matters of interest to the regulated community, government officials, and the public.*

If there are no disadvantages to the public or the Commonwealth, please indicate.

The advantage to the public, the Department of Education, and local school divisions is the elimination of a regulation that is unnecessary. There are no disadvantages.

Requirements more restrictive than federal

Please identify and describe any requirement of the proposal which is more restrictive than applicable federal requirements. Include a rationale for the need for the more restrictive requirements. If there are no applicable federal requirements or no requirements that exceed applicable federal requirements, include a statement to that effect.

This proposal has no requirements. The regulation is being repealed.

Localities particularly affected

Please identify any locality particularly affected by the proposed regulation. Locality particularly affected means any locality which bears any identified disproportionate material impact which would not be experienced by other localities.

Localities will be unaffected by the repeal of this regulation.

Regulatory flexibility analysis

Please describe the agency's analysis of alternative regulatory methods, consistent with health, safety, environmental, and economic welfare, that will accomplish the objectives of applicable law while minimizing the adverse impact on small business. Alternative regulatory methods include, at a minimum:

- 1) the establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements;*
- 2) the establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements;*
- 3) the consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements;*
- 4) the establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and*
- 5) the exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulation.*

This regulation is being repealed.

Economic impact

Please identify the anticipated economic impact of the proposed regulation.

Projected cost to the state to implement and enforce the proposed regulation, including (a) fund source / fund detail, and (b) a delineation of one-time versus on-going expenditures	None. This regulation is being repealed.
Projected cost of the regulation on localities	None. This regulation is being repealed.
Description of the individuals, businesses or other entities likely to be affected by the regulation	None. This regulation is being repealed.
Agency’s best estimate of the number of such entities that will be affected. Please include an estimate of the number of small businesses affected. Small business means a business entity, including its affiliates, that (i) is independently owned and operated and (ii) employs fewer than 500 full-time employees or has gross annual sales of less than \$6 million.	None. This regulation is being repealed.
All projected costs of the regulation for affected individuals, businesses, or other entities. Please be specific. Be sure to include the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance by small businesses.	None. This regulation is being repealed.

Alternatives

Please describe any viable alternatives to the proposal considered and the rationale used by the agency to select the least burdensome or intrusive alternative that meets the essential purpose of the action. Also, include discussion of less intrusive or less costly alternatives for small businesses, as defined in §2.2-4007.1 of the Code of Virginia, of achieving the purpose of the regulation.

The only alternative is to retain an unnecessary regulation that does not require local school divisions to take any action.

Family impact

Please assess the 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.

The repeal of this regulation will not have any impact on the family.

Detail of changes

Please detail all changes that are being proposed and the consequences of the proposed changes. Detail all new provisions and/or all changes to existing sections.

If the proposed regulation is intended to replace an emergency regulation, please list separately (1) all changes between the pre-emergency regulation and the proposed regulation, and (2) only changes made since the publication of the emergency regulation.

For changes to existing regulations, use this chart:

Current section number	Proposed new section number, if applicable	Current requirement	Proposed change and rationale

There are no changes to this regulation. It is being repealed.