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Dr. Patricia I. Wright.
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Re: Regulations Governing the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program Requirements and Selection Procedures (8 VAC 20-650-10 *et seq.*)

Dear Dr. Wright:

You ask whether the Board of Education possesses the requisite authority to amend the above-referenced regulations.

Section 22.1-16 vests the Board of Education with the authority to promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out its powers and duties and the provisions of Title 22.1. In addition, § 22.1-290.01 creates this program and specifically grants the Board authority with respect to the program, including the authority to promulgate regulations in connection with it. Further direction to the Board in connection with this program is found in Chapter 879 of the 2008 Acts of Assembly. Accordingly, it is my view that the Board possesses the requisite authority to adopt and amend the above-referenced regulations.

The foregoing represents my personal view and is not an official opinion of the Attorney General. If you require additional assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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