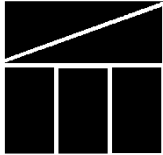


Adverse impact notification sent to Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance (COV § 2.2-4007.04.C): Yes  Not Needed

If/when this economic impact analysis (EIA) is published in the *Virginia Register of Regulations*, notification will be sent to each member of the General Assembly (COV § 2.2-4007.04.B).



## Virginia Department of Planning and Budget Economic Impact Analysis

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**8 VAC 20-160 Regulations Governing the Secondary School Transcript**  
**Department of Education**  
**Town Hall Action/Stage: 4565 / 7562**  
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### **Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation**

The Board of Education (Board) proposes to amend the list of required information for secondary school transcripts to allow parents, guardians, or others having legal control or charge to elect in writing to have their child's college performance-related standardized test results for the SAT and ACT excluded from the student transcript.

### **Result of Analysis**

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

### **Estimated Economic Impact**

The current regulation includes the following on the list of required information for secondary school transcripts: "25. Test record, to include at least the highest score earned, if applicable, on college performance-related standardized tests such as SAT and ACT, excluding Standards of Learning (SOL) test scores;" The Board proposes to add the following language to the end of this item: "except that each local school board shall adopt a policy setting forth the procedure by which parents, guardians, or others having legal control or charge can elect in writing to have their child's test record excluded from the student transcript ("opt-out");".

The proposed amendment will be beneficial for individuals who believe their scores on college performance-related standardized tests do not reflect as well on their aptitude than do the

other elements of their high school transcript such as courses taken and grades. In applying for jobs or other purposes where a high school transcript is required, but SAT scores are not, this would allow such individuals to make their best case without adding unasked for information that may detract from their presentation. Not including college performance-related standardized test scores such as from the SAT and ACT on the transcripts for students who have opted out will not likely significantly increase required staff time or other costs for local school boards. Thus the benefits likely exceed the costs for the proposed amendment.

### **Businesses and Entities Affected**

The proposed amendment pertains to all 132 local school divisions in the Commonwealth.

### **Localities Particularly Affected**

The proposed amendment does not disproportionately affect particular localities.

### **Projected Impact on Employment**

The proposed amendment does not affect employment.

### **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

The proposed amendment does not affect the use and value of private property.

### **Real Estate Development Costs**

The proposed amendment does not affect real estate development costs.

### **Small Businesses:**

#### **Definition**

Pursuant to § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia, small business is defined as “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.”

#### **Costs and Other Effects**

The proposed amendment does not affect small businesses.

### **Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact**

The proposed amendment does not adversely affect small businesses.

**Adverse Impacts:****Businesses:**

The proposed amendment does not adversely affect businesses.

**Localities:**

The proposed amendment does not adversely affect localities.

**Other Entities:**

The proposed amendment does not adversely affect other entities.

**Legal Mandates**

**General:** The Department of Planning and Budget has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia (Code) and Executive Order Number 17 (2014). Code § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses determine the public benefits and costs of the proposed amendments. Further the report should include but not be limited to: (1) the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the proposed regulatory action would apply, (2) the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, (3) the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, (4) the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and (5) the impact on the use and value of private property.

**Adverse impacts:** Pursuant to Code § 2.2-4007.04(C): In the event this economic impact analysis reveals that the proposed regulation would have an adverse economic impact on businesses or would impose a significant adverse economic impact on a locality, business, or entity particularly affected, the Department of Planning and Budget shall advise the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance within the 45-day period.

If the proposed regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, Code § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include: (1) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation, (2) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents, (3) a statement of the probable effect of the proposed regulation on affected small businesses, and (4) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation. Additionally, pursuant to Code § 2.2-4007.1, if there is a finding that a proposed regulation may have an adverse impact on small business, the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules shall be notified.

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