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MEMORANDUM

To: Melissa L. Luchau
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From: Susan B. Williams
Assistant Attorney General

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Date: December 20, 2016

Re: Final Regulation 8 VAC 20-22 Licensure Regulations for School Personnel (*Fast Track*)
(Action 4727 /Stage 7778)

I have reviewed the final regulations identified above to determine whether the State Board of Education (Board) has the authority to promulgate the regulations and if the regulations comport with applicable state law. Pursuant to the *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* §22.1-298.1, the Board has the authority to prescribe, by regulation, the requirements for the licensure of teachers and other school personnel required to hold a license.

It is this Office's view that the Board has the authority to adopt this fast-track regulation, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act and Virginia Office of the Governor Executive Order 17 (2014), and that the Board has not exceeded that authority.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the address above, by telephone at (804) 371-8721 or by electronic mail at swilliams@oag.state.va.us. Thank you.

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