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Dr. Patricia I. Wright.
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Re: Proposed Regulations Governing the Collection and Reporting of Truancy (8 VAC 20-730-10 et seq.)

Dear Dr. Wright:

You ask whether the Board of Education possesses the requisite authority to propose 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. Accordingly, it is my view that the Board possesses the requisite authority to adopt 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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