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Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Board of Education
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	8 VAC20-23
VAC Chapter title(s)	Licensure Regulations for School Personnel
Action title	Exempt action to comport 8VAC20-23-10 and 8VAC20-23-50 with Chapter 794 and Chapter 802 of the 2026 Acts of Assembly.
Final agency action date	August 27, 2026
Date this document prepared	August 27, 2026

This information is required for executive branch review pursuant to Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19. In addition, this information is required by the Virginia Registrar of Regulations pursuant to the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Regulations must conform to the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

Brief Summary

Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

[Chapter 794](#) of the 2026 Acts of the Assembly ("[Chapter 794](#)") added § 22.1-299.6:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to teacher licensure; three-year renewable license to teach career and technical education or dual enrollment courses at public high schools. Chapter 794 requires the Board of Education to provide for the issuance of a three-year renewable license to teach solely career and technical education courses or dual enrollment courses that are creditable toward the completion of an undergraduate course, degree, or credential offered in and accepted at a public institution of higher education at public high schools in the Commonwealth to any individual who (i) is employed as an instructor by an institution of higher education that is accredited by a nationally recognized regional accreditation body, (ii) is teaching in the specific career and technical education or dual enrollment subject area at such institution in which the individual seeks to teach at a public high school, and (iii) complies with certain requirements set forth in relevant law enumerated by Chapter 794. Chapter 794

requires the Board to require any such instructor to maintain continuous employment in such position at the institution of higher education as a condition of continued licensure. Chapter 794 also requires each school board that employs an individual issued such a three-year license to provide such instructor training on instruction and assessment during his first year of employment. Finally, Chapter 794 directs the Board to amend regulations set forth in subdivision A 13 of [8VAC20-23-50](#) of the Virginia Administrative Code in accordance with the provisions of this act.

[Chapter 802](#) (HB647) a 2026 Uncodified Act of the Regular Session, relating to the regulations Governing Allowable Credit for Teaching Experience; certain credit substitution allowance permitted. Chapter 802 requires the Board of Education to amend its regulations to provide that teachers in the field of career and technical education, where the licensure requirement calls for occupational work experience beyond the apprenticeship level, may be allowed salary placement credit for one year of teaching experience for each one or two years of work experience. Chapter 802 satisfies the reenactment requirement of [Chapter 677](#) of the Acts of Assembly of 2025.

Mandate and Impetus

Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined in the ORM procedures, "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."

This regulatory action is the result of a legislative mandate of [Chapter 794](#) and [Chapter 802](#).

Statement of Final Agency Action

Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) that the agency has "adopted final amendments" to the regulation; 3) the name of the agency taking the action; and 4) the title of the regulation. A suggested statement is, "On [insert date] the Board/Department of [insert name] adopted final amendments to the [title of regulation(s)]."

On August 27, 2026 the Board of Education adopted this exempt action to comport Licensure Regulations for School Personnel with [Chapter 794](#) of the 2026 Acts of the Assembly and Licensure Regulations for School People with [Chapter 802](#) of the 2026 Uncodified Acts Regular Session.