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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Department of Education
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Regulation title	Licensure Regulations for School Personnel
Action title	Local Government and Civics Instruction Requirement for License Renewal
Final agency action date	The Virginia Board of Education approved the amendment to the regulations on September 23, 2010.
Document preparation date	October 22, 2010

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Pursuant to SB 715 passed by the 2010 General Assembly and signed by the Governor, the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* will require any individual seeking renewal of a license with an endorsement in early/primary preK-3, elementary education preK-6, middle education 6-8, history and social sciences, history, or political science to complete study of the structures, function, and powers of state and local government of Virginia and the importance of citizen participation in the political process in state and local government of Virginia. The study may be satisfactorily completed using any applicable option described in the *Virginia Licensure Renewal Manual*. This requirement shall be met one time for the individual's next renewal after July 1, 2012. This action is necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law, and no agency discretion is involved.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

The Virginia Board of Education approved the amendment to the *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* on September 23, 2010, pursuant to SB 715 passed by the 2010 General Assembly and signed by the Governor.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

Not applicable