

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.7, relating to students with*
3 *disabilities; individualized education programs; individualized accommodations and supports during*
4 *emergency situations and evacuations.*

5 [H 1806]
6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-274.7 as follows:**

9 **§ 22.1-274.7. *Students with disabilities; individualized education programs; individualized***
10 ***accommodations and supports during emergency situations and evacuations.***

11 *A. If deemed appropriate by the individualized education program (IEP) team, which includes the parent,*
12 *the IEP implemented for a public school student with a disability in accordance with the federal Individuals*
13 *with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., with the exception of such students who have been*
14 *placed in private day or residential school settings, may contain language addressing individualized*
15 *accommodations and supports for the student during emergency situations and evacuations. In developing*
16 *such language, IEP teams should be supported by the school administration. Additionally, for initial IEPs,*
17 *the IEP team shall discuss whether or not the student requires such accommodations and supports.*

18 *B. The Department shall provide guidance to local school divisions on how to support IEP teams for the*
19 *consideration of specific supports required for students with disabilities, including students with mobility*
20 *impairments, during emergency situations given the unique context of their disabilities in the educational*
21 *setting. Such guidance shall include information relevant for IEP teams and applicable to Section 504*
22 *committees as determined appropriate.*