

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Board of Education to amend its regulations relating to the accreditation requirements*  
3 *for professional education programs in Virginia to provide an alternative for certain programs.*

4 [H 1674]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Board of Education shall amend its regulations in 8VAC20-543-20, relating to accreditation*  
8 *requirements for professional education programs in the Commonwealth, to require the Department of*  
9 *Education to provide an alternative to the requirement to obtain and maintain national accreditation from*  
10 *the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation to any professional education program that (i)*  
11 *leads to an endorsement set forth in 8VAC20-543-610 and 8VAC20-543-620 and (ii) has a secured specialty*  
12 *area accreditation from a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education or*  
13 *the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.*

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