

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-298.8 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public elementary and*
3 *secondary school teachers; certain training activities; requirements and limitations.*

4 [S 822]

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 22.1-298.8 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 22.1-298.8. Public elementary and secondary school teachers; certain training activities;**
9 **requirements and limitations.**10 *A. As used in this section, "non-academic training activity" means any training activity in which any*
11 *public elementary or secondary school teacher is required to participate that is not related to the teacher's*
12 *instructional, academic, or curricular duties. "Non-academic training activity" does not include any*
13 *requirement relating to licensure.*14 *B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:*15 *1. No public elementary or secondary school teacher shall be required to participate more frequently than*
16 *once within six months of employment with the applicable school board and once every five years thereafter*
17 *in any non-academic training described in clause (iii) of subsection A of § 22.1-279.6 or activity, provided,*
18 *however, that participation in additional training relating to secure mandatory test violations as set forth in*
19 *§§ 22.1-19.1 and 22.1-292.1, unless may be required upon the determination of the school board or division*
20 *superintendent determines that such additional training is necessary to comply with federal or state law or to*
21 *remediate misconduct. Each teacher who completes any such training shall sign a written attestation that the*
22 *teacher has been trained in and understands the relevant subject matter.*23 *2. The total frequency and duration of non-academic training activities in which each public elementary*
24 *or secondary school teacher is required to participate pursuant to (i) state law or regulation or (ii) policy or*
25 *regulation of the applicable school board shall not exceed 25 hours every five years.*26 *C. The provisions of subsection B shall not apply to any non-academic training activity or other training*
27 *activity in which any public school teacher is required to participate pursuant to federal law or regulation.*28 *D. Any non-academic training activity in which a public elementary or secondary school teacher*
29 *voluntarily participates shall not count toward the maximum number of hours of non-academic training*
30 *activities in which a public elementary or secondary school teacher may be required to participate pursuant*
31 *to subdivision B 2.*

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