## **VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2025 SESSION**

## **CHAPTER 257**

An Act to require certain individuals to be deemed licensed as teachers with an endorsement in special education early childhood (birth-age five years).

[H 2265]

## Approved March 21, 2025

## Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. § 1. Notwithstanding 8VAC20-23-540 or any other provision of law or regulation to the contrary, any individual who has been employed in the Commonwealth as a preschool special education teacher licensed with an endorsement in special education general curriculum K-12 for at least 15 school years shall be deemed licensed as a teacher with an endorsement in special education early childhood (birth-age five years) upon the recommendation of the division superintendent in the school division in which such individual is employed to the Department of Education that such teacher is well-qualified to continue to teach preschool special education in such school division.
- 2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.