

2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1165**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

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4 *A BILL to require the Board of Education to amend its regulation relating to the qualifications of division*
5 *superintendents.*

6 Patron—Cole, N.T.

7 Committee Referral Pending

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

9 **1. § 1. The Board of Education shall amend 8VAC20-23-630 of the Virginia Administrative Code to:**

10 **1. Require the record of each candidate for the list of eligible division superintendents and the renewable**
11 **division superintendent license under any of the four permitted options to attest to good character and**
12 **demonstrated ability as an educational administrator; and**

13 **2. Amend Option IV contained in subdivision 4 to read as follows:**

14 **"4. Option IV. The individual shall have:**

15 **a. Earned a master's degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution;**

16 **b. A minimum of three years of successful, full-time experience in a senior leadership position, such as**
17 **chief executive officer or senior military officer;**

18 **c. Completed five years of successful educational experience in a public school or an accredited**
19 **nonpublic school, two years of which shall have been full-time teaching experience at the preK-12 level and**
20 **two years of which shall have been in administration and supervision; and**

21 **d. Been recommended by a school board that is interested in employing the individual as division**
22 **superintendent and that governs a school division with fewer than 2,000 enrolled students."**

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