

# 2026 SESSION

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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 469**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

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4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-209.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to regional or local detention*  
5 *homes; educational programs; staffing; funding.*

6 Patron—Marsden

7 Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

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

9 **1. That § 22.1-209.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

10 **§ 22.1-209.2. Programs and teachers in regional detention homes, certain local detention homes, and**  
11 **state agencies and institutions.**

12 The Board shall prepare and supervise the ~~implementation~~ in regional detention homes and local detention  
13 homes the *implementation* of a program designed to educate and train the children detained in the homes. In  
14 addition, the Board shall supervise those programs of evaluation, education, and training provided to  
15 school-age children by the Department of Health, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental  
16 Services, the children's teaching hospital associated with the Eastern Virginia Health Sciences Center at Old  
17 Dominion University, the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority, the children's  
18 teaching hospital associated with the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority, and the  
19 University of Virginia Hospitals pursuant to the Board's standards and regulations as required by § 22.1-7.

20 The Board shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to conform these programs  
21 with the applicable federal and state laws and regulations including teacher/student ratios and special  
22 education requirements for children with disabilities. The education programs in the relevant detention homes  
23 and state agencies and institutions shall be approved by the Board, and the Board shall prepare a budget for  
24 these educational programs that shall be solely supported by such general funds as are appropriated by the  
25 General Assembly for this purpose. ~~Teacher~~ Such general funds (i) shall support a statewide staffing ratios  
26 for regional or local detention homes shall be based on a ratio of one teacher for every 12 beds based on the  
27 capacity of the facility; however, if the previous year's average daily attendance exceeds this bed capacity, the  
28 ratio shall be based on the average daily attendance at the facility as calculated by the Department from the  
29 previous school year eight students in average daily attendance in regional or local detention homes and an  
30 additional one teacher for every 10 students in the Community Placement Program and (ii) shall be  
31 distributed to regional or local detention homes in such a manner as may be determined by the Department,  
32 whether in a ratio-based manner or otherwise, based on such factors as the Department deems appropriate,  
33 including capacity, need, enrollment trends, and the availability of alternative educational settings.

34 The Board shall enter into contracts with the relevant state agency or institution or detention facility or the  
35 local school divisions in which the state agencies or institutions or the regional detention homes and the  
36 relevant local detention homes are located for the hiring and supervision of teachers.

37 In any case in which the Board enters into a contract with the relevant state agency or institution, the  
38 Department of Human Resource Management shall establish salary schedules for the teachers that are  
39 competitive with those in effect for the school divisions in which the agency or institution is located.

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