

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-79.3:2, relating to social media*
3 *platforms; school boards.*

4 [S 245]
5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-79.3:2 as follows:**

8 **§ 22.1-79.3:2. School boards; communications relating to extracurricular activities; use of social media**
9 **platforms by schools, school board employees, and volunteers prohibited.**

10 *A. For purposes of this section:*

11 *"Extracurricular activities" means the same as that term is defined in § 22.1-370.*

12 *"Social media platform" means the same as that term is defined in § 59.1-575.*

13 *B. Each school board shall prohibit public elementary and secondary schools, school board employees,*
14 *and school volunteers from using a social media platform as the sole means of communication with students*
15 *for the facilitation of school-related extracurricular activities. Nothing in this section shall be construed to*
16 *prohibit the use of school division-approved communication or messaging applications.*

17 *C. Any division superintendent or his designee may provide a written exception to the prohibition in*
18 *subsection B on using a social media platform as the sole means of communication with students for the*
19 *facilitation of school-related extracurricular activities when such use is required to meet an objective that*
20 *cannot be reasonably achieved without such use, provided that the division superintendent or his designee (i)*
21 *provides clear, written instructions on such use and (ii) may revoke such exception at any time.*