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**MEMO To:** Virginia Public School Division Superintendents  
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*(Please share with other division staff, schools, and first responder partners as appropriate)*

**From:** Donna Michaelis

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**Subject:** **Legislative Summary for Schools and Campuses**

The Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety has updated the [Legislative Summary for Schools and Campuses](#) to highlight new laws effective July 1.

Though not an exhaustive list, this resource should serve as an overview of safety-related items and important dates of which school divisions and leaders in a school or campus setting should be aware.

You may notice or recall the training requirement for K–12 school administrators that became effective July 1, 2019:

Each school board shall ensure that every school it supervises employs at least one school administrator who has completed, either in-person or online, school safety training for public school personnel conducted by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety in accordance with subdivision A. 1 of 9.1-184. However, such requirement shall not apply if such required training is not available online. *Virginia Code §22.1-279.8(E)*.

The Center is currently in the process of procuring a Learning Management System and developing online school safety training for schools. Although, this training requirement does not go into effect until this online training is available, administrators and others are encouraged to take advantage of upcoming webinar opportunities and in-person training in the interim. The list of current DCJS online and in-person training is updated regularly and can be found on the DCJS [Training and Events](#) page.

We appreciate your tireless efforts to ensure a safe learning environment and will continue to assist you in your important role in any way we can. Please contact Kristina Fawcett for technical assistance or to request a training.

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Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2020-2021 school year.