

## Governor's 2013 School Safety Legislation

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- **HB1871(McClellan): Bully Prevention** - Defines "bullying" in the *Code of Virginia* and requires each school board to include in its code of student conduct policies and procedures that include a prohibition against bullying. **Passed House on February 4<sup>th</sup> (93-6) and Passed Senate on February 18<sup>th</sup> (37-3).**
- **HB2343(Sherwood): Funding for Facility and Security Upgrades** - Proposes the creation of a fund to provide grants or loans to localities, subject to local match, for facility upgrades of older facilities in order to improve security and for other security purposes. **Passed House on February 23<sup>rd</sup> (99-0) and Passed Senate on February 23<sup>rd</sup> (39-1).**
- **HB2344(Cole): Threat Assessment Teams** - Requires each School Board to establish a violence prevention committee and threat assessment teams similar to those required for Virginia's public institutions of higher education. School systems must annually collect and report quantitative data to the Department of Criminal Justice Services. **Requires the division superintendent establish a school safety audit committee to include, if available, representatives of parents, teachers, local law-enforcement, emergency services agencies, local community services boards, and judicial and public safety personnel.** **Passed House on February 19<sup>th</sup> (78-9) and Passed Senate on February 21<sup>st</sup> (40-0).**
- **HB2345(Yost): Critical Incident Response Model Curriculum** - Directs the Departments of Criminal Justice Services, Education, Behavioral Health and Development Services and State Police to develop a model Critical Incident Response training program for school personnel and those providing services to schools. **Passed House on February 18<sup>th</sup> (100-0) and Passed Senate on February 21<sup>st</sup> (39-0).**
- **HB2346(Ransome): Lockdown Drills** - Requires each school division to designate an emergency manager to coordinate school preparedness within the division and mandates schools conduct a lockdown drill once each semester. **Passed House on February 15<sup>th</sup> (100-0) and Passed Senate on February 21<sup>st</sup> (40-0).**
- **HB2347 (Ramadan): Juvenile Information Sharing** - Facilitates the sharing of juvenile law-enforcement records by the principal of the school to threat assessment teams. **Passed House on February 19<sup>th</sup> (94-3) and Passed Senate on February 21<sup>st</sup> (39-0).**
- **SB1376(Martin): Immunity from Civil Liability** - Expands current Virginia law by extending civil immunity to any person who reports, with good faith, information that an individual poses credible danger of serious bodily injury or death to one or more students, school, personnel or others on school property. **Passed Senate on February 13<sup>th</sup> (40-0) and Passed House on February 21<sup>st</sup> (96-2).**
- **SB1378(Garrett): Penalty for Straw Man Gun Purchases** - Increases the punishment for all straw-man transactions, which occurs when a person lawfully purchases a firearm with the intent to transfer that firearm to a person ineligible to purchase a firearm. Further, this legislation adds a mandatory one year punishment for the purchaser. **Passed Senate on February 15<sup>th</sup> (39-0) and Passed House on February 20<sup>th</sup> (84-11).**

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