

**VSBA Proposed New and Amended Legislative Positions
Recommendations to School Board**

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Summary

Most of the proposed legislative positions provided for review by the School Board before the official vote at the Annual Convention are in line with the policies and views of ACPS. They promote flexibility at the local level in decision making, support balanced assessments, and request funding for mandates.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 1:

SUPPORT

This position supports repeal of the statewide A-F grading system. ACPS opposed the A-F grade bill last year.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 2:

SUPPORT

This position supports repeal of the Opportunity Education Institution. ACPS passed a resolution in support of the lawsuit against OEI last month.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 3-5:

SUPPORT

These positions all support a balanced approach to assessment, and more flexibility at the local level on retakes and testing windows.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 6:

SUPPORT

The position adds language that in the event that early childhood programs are not fully funded, the state should minimize local match requirements and evaluate startup costs.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 7:

SUPPORT

The position requests the state to fund all mandates related to technology, such as virtual courses and online SOL testing, and requests such funding be reflected in the SOQs.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 8:

SUPPORT

The amendment to the position adds language opposing funding to “follow the student” should they enroll in a virtual program outside of the division. ACPS has opposed funding to follow the student in the past.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 9:

SUPPORT

Proposal requests a study on the current state of virtual education and a cost-benefit analysis to be completed.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 10:

SUPPORT

The proposal supports state funding for model virtual learning programs.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 11:

SUPPORT

The new position supports video evidence from school buses and at intersections in prosecutions of failure to stop for a school bus, and penalties paid going to the school division.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 12:

NO POSITION

The proposal allows increased participation in Board meetings by members remotely. Current ACPS policy only allows remote participation in emergency situations for non-public meetings.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 13:

REVIEW/NO POSITION

The amendment changes the position to support a JLARC study of the participation of non-public school students in VHSL activities and will not establish a position until after the study is completed.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 14:

SUPPORT

The amendment allows more flexibility to divisions in determining their needs for School Resource Officers and opposes legislation requiring concealed weapons to be carried by school personnel.

Legislative Position Proposal No. 15:

SUPPORT

The new position supports attention to the problem of childhood obesity, but maintains flexibility by local divisions in how to best address the problem.