



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers for House Bill 2028 and Senate Bill 986; Emergency First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and Use of Automated Defibrillators for Licensure and Renewal**

As communicated through [Superintendent's Memorandum No. 124](#) on May 10, 2013, the 2013 General Assembly has passed [House Bill 2028](#) and [Senate Bill 986](#) effective on July 1, 2013, that state, in part, the following:

*§ 4. Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall provide evidence of completion of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators. The certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. The Board shall provide a waiver for this requirement for any person with a disability whose disability prohibits such person from completing the certification or training....*

The Virginia Department of Education has developed the attached question and answer document to assist in the implementation of House Bill 2028 and Senate Bill 986.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Mark R. Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, via e-mail at [Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov) or telephone at (804) 371-2471.

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Attachment:

- a. [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (PDF)

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