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**Commonwealth of Virginia**  
**Virginia Department of Education**  
Superintendent's Memo #197-22

DATE: September 2, 2022  
TO: Division Superintendents  
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUBJECT: ***Model Policies Concerning Instructional Materials with Sexually Explicit Content***

In response to [Senate Bill 656](#) enacted by the 2022 Virginia General Assembly, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) developed [Model Policies Concerning Instructional Materials with Sexually Explicit Content](#).

Senate Bill 656 requires that local school boards shall, no later than January 1, 2023, adopt policies consistent with, or more comprehensive than, the model policies developed by VDOE. The model policies were made available in the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall Public Comment Forum on July 4, 2022, and the public comment period concluded August 3, 2022.

Thank you in advance for your leadership during the development and implementation of your local policies.

**For more information**

For more information on local school board responsibility for meeting this and other legislative mandates, please contact the Office of Policy at [policy@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:policy@doe.virginia.gov) or (804) 225-2092, or Thomas Wilson, Executive Director, Parental Engagement, at [Thomas.Wilson@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Thomas.Wilson@doe.virginia.gov) or (804) 225-2057.

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