



REPORT ON THE ISSUANCE OF THREE-YEAR CAREER AND TECHNICAL LICENSES

[Triennial Report on House Bill 279 of the 2016 Virginia General Assembly]

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OVERVIEW AND DETAIL OF LICENSE ISSUANCE

The 2016 Virginia General Assembly approved House Bill 279, providing for a three-year career and technical education license. The 2018 General Assembly approved House Bill 1125 that amended the original legislation to expand the opportunities for the three-year license by allowing either full or part-time individuals to be eligible, eliminating an assessment requirement, and extending the mentoring period from one to two years.

Both bills require that the Virginia Board of Education report, at least triennially, on the issuance of three-year career and technical education licenses. Three requests have been received by the Virginia Department of Education for the three-year career and technical education license, and three licenses have been issued.

| Date Issued | School Division | High School | CTE Area | License Status |
|-------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| 12/23/2019 | Charlottesville City | Charlottesville-Albemarle Vocational-Technical Center | Law Enforcement | Inactive |
| 12/23/2019 | Gloucester County | Gloucester High School | Law Enforcement | Inactive |
| 05/05/2021 | Gloucester County | Gloucester High School | Law Enforcement | Active |

Other alternate routes to licensure set forth in the [Licensure Regulations for School Personnel](#) are available to individuals seeking a license in a career and technical education area. The requirements for the three-year career and technical education license created by HB 279 do not allow the license holder to be eligible for continuing contract status while teaching under such license; other alternative license types do not have this restriction. Also, the 2016 legislation required that individuals must meet qualifying scores on the communication and literacy professional teachers assessment prescribed by the Board; this assessment was and is not required for those individuals seeking a provisional license through an alternate route to a technical professional license. The 2018 legislation did amend this requirement.

AUTHORITY

2018 General Assembly
[House Bill 1125](#). This bill was identical to [Senate Bill 349](#).

CHAPTER 749

An Act to amend and reenact §§ [22.1-253.13:1](#), [22.1-298.1](#), [22.1-298.2](#), [22.1-299](#), [22.1-299.5](#), and [22.1-299.6](#) of the Code of Virginia, relating to teacher licensure.

[H 1125]

Approved April 4, 2018

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ [22.1-253.13:1](#), [22.1-298.1](#), [22.1-298.2](#), [22.1-299](#), [22.1-299.5](#), and [22.1-299.6](#) of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

... § [22.1-299.6](#). Career and technical education; three-year licenses.

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Board shall provide for the issuance of three-year licenses to qualified individuals to teach, *either full time or part time*, high school career and technical education courses in specific subject areas ~~for no more than 50 percent of the instructional day or year, on average.~~

B. The Board shall issue a three-year license to teach high school career and technical education courses in a specific subject area to an individual who:

1. Submits an application to the Board, in the form prescribed by the Board, that includes a recommendation for such a license from the local school board;

2. Meets certain basic conditions for licensure as prescribed by the Board;

3. Meets one of the following requirements: (i) holds, at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and has completed coursework in the career and technical education subject area in which the individual seeks to teach, (ii) holds the required professional license in the specific career and technical education subject area in which the individual seeks to teach, where applicable, or (iii) holds an industry certification credential, as that term is defined in § [22.1-298.1](#), in the specific career and technical education subject area in which the individual seeks to teach;

4. Has at least four years of full-time work experience or its equivalent in the specific career and technical education subject area in which the individual seeks to teach; and

5. ~~Has~~ *If appropriate, has* obtained qualifying scores on the communication and literacy professional teacher's assessment prescribed by the Board.

C. The employing school board shall assign a mentor to supervise an individual issued a three-year license pursuant to this section during his ~~first-year~~ *two years* of teaching.

D. Except as otherwise provided in subsection E, any individual issued a three-year license pursuant to this section may be granted subsequent three-year extensions of such license by the Board upon recommendation of the local school board.

E. Any individual issued a three-year license pursuant to this section who completes (i) nine semester hours of specialized professional studies credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or (ii) an alternative course of professional studies proposed by the local school board and approved by the Department of Education shall be granted a three-year extension of such license by the Board and may be granted subsequent three-year extensions of such license by the Board upon recommendation of the local school board. Any such specialized professional studies credit or alternative course of professional studies may be completed

through distance learning programs and shall include human growth and development; curriculum, instructional, and technology procedures; and classroom and behavior management.

F. No three-year license issued by the Board pursuant to this section shall be deemed a provisional license or a renewable license, as those terms are defined in § [22.1-298.1](#).

G. Individuals issued a three-year license pursuant to this section shall not be eligible for continuing contract status while teaching under such license and shall be subject to the probationary terms of employment specified in § [22.1-303](#).

H. The provisions of this article and of Board regulations governing the denial, suspension, cancellation, revocation, and reinstatement of licensure shall apply to three-year licenses issued pursuant to this section.

I. The Board shall report at least triennially to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health on the issuance of three-year licenses pursuant to this section by high school, local school division, and career and technical education subject area.

2. That the Board of Education shall amend its regulations for the establishment of requirements for teacher licensure renewal set forth in 8VAC [20-22-110](#) to require teachers to complete no more than 360 professional development points within the 10-year license renewal period established by this act.

3. That the Department of Education and the Board of Education shall report to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Education and the Senate Committees on Finance and Education and Health on the effects of the provisions of this act by July 1, 2019.