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The Honorable Sam Rasoul
Chair, House Education Committee
201 North 9th Street, Room 910
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The Honorable Ghazala F. Hashmi
Chair, Senate Education and Health
201 North 9th Street, Room 616
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chairs Hashmi and Rasoul:

In 2016, the Virginia General Assembly approved House Bill 279 and Senate Bill 573 (Chapters 642 and 651 Act of Assembly), providing for a three-year career and technical education teaching license. The 2018 General Assembly approved House Bill 1125 and Senate Bill 349 (Chapters 749 and 748 Acts of Assembly) that amended the original legislation to expand the opportunities for the three-year license by allowing individuals, whether they seek to be full or part-time, to be eligible for a license, eliminating an assessment requirement, and extending the mentoring period from one to two years. The legislation codified at Va. Code § [22.1-299.5](#) requires that:

“I. The Board [of Education] 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.”

This serves as the Virginia Board of Education’s triennial report on the issuance of three-year career and technical education licenses:

- Three requests were made in the prior triennial to the Virginia Department of Education for the three-year career and technical education teaching license, and three licenses were issued.
- Since 2022, the Virginia Department of Education has not received any requests for the Virginia Board of Education to issue three-year career and technical education teaching licenses, and no additional licenses have been issued.

- The Virginia Department of Education reviewed all communications and determined that there were no communications received on this topic in the past three years.

Other alternate routes to licensure set forth in the Virginia Board of Education's [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, pursuant to Va. Code § [22.1-299.5](#), do not allow the license holder to be eligible for continuing contract status while teaching under such license; meanwhile, other alternative license types do not have this restriction. While this restriction remains in place, it is important to note that the 2016 legislation required that individuals must meet qualifying scores on the communication and literacy professional teachers' assessment prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education. This assessment requirement has been eliminated for all licensure applicants.

For questions or additional information, please contact Mr. Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Educator Preparation at (804) 750-8190 or rob.gilstrap@doe.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: The Honorable Aimee Rogstad Guidera
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