

SCHOOL DIVISION LEGAL STATUS

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2 The Constitution of Virginia provides that the General Assembly establish a system of free
3 public elementary and secondary schools for all children of school age throughout the state, and
4 seek to ensure that an educational program of high quality is established and continually
5 maintained. The General Assembly requires that such an educational system be maintained and
6 administered by the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, division
7 Superintendents and school boards. The Board of Education divides the Commonwealth into
8 school divisions of such geographical area and school-age population as will promote the
9 realization of the standards of quality and will periodically review the adequacy of existing
10 school divisions for this purpose. The supervision of schools in the Alexandria City school
11 division is vested in the Alexandria City School Board.

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13 Amended: July 12, 2001
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15 Amended: December 19, 2013
16 Amended: June 7, 2018

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18 Legal Refs.: Constitution of Virginia, article VIII, §§ 1, 5, 7.
19 Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-2, 22.1-28.
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21 Cross Refs.: BB School Board Legal Status
22 BBAA Board Member Authority
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