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A triennial census of school population shall be taken at a time designated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The division superintendent shall develop plans for conducting the census subject to approval by the board. Agents shall be appointed and compensated as provided in school board policy #5-62.

Legal Reference

Code of Va., § 22.1-281. Triennial census of school population.--"Every three years, at a time to be designated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a census of all persons residing within each school division who, on or before December 31 immediately following the census, will have reached their fifth birthday but not their twentieth birthday shall be taken on forms furnished by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Such persons who are domiciled in orphanages or eleemosynary institutions or who are dependents living on any federal military or naval reservation or other federal property shall be included in the census for the school division within which the institution or federal military or naval reservation or other federal property is located. Such persons who are confined in state hospitals, state training schools or state training centers for the mentally retarded, each defined in § 37.1-1, or mental institutions, state or federal correctional institutions, the Virginia School at Hampton or the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind shall be included in the census for the school division within which the parents or guardians of such person or persons legally reside. If the legal residence of the parent or guardians of such person is not ascertainable, such parents or guardians shall be deemed to be legal residents of the school division from which such person was admitted or committed." (1992)

Code of Va., § 22.1-282. Appointment and compensation of persons taking census. The census shall be taken by agents appointed by each school board on the recommendation of the division superintendent. Each such agent shall receive as compensation for his services, to be paid out of the school board's funds, an amount to be fixed by the school board appointing him. In the discretion of the school board, a reasonable travel allowance may be allowed such agents. (1997)

Code of Va., § 22.1-283. Agents to gather other statistics. The agents taking the census shall also, at the time of taking the census, gather statistics relating to the interests of education according to forms furnished by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (1997)

Code of Va., § 22.1-284. Census results.--"The complete results of the census required by §§ 22.1-282 and 22.1-283 shall be submitted to the school board as soon as practicable. The division superintendent shall transmit such results, together with any other information required or deemed necessary, to the Superintendent of Public Instruction." (1992)

Code of Va., § 22.1-285. Board may require special census.--"The Board of Education

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is authorized to require a special statewide census at any time it deems such census necessary for the equitable distribution of state school funds." (1980)

Code of Va., § 22.1-286. Duty of board to see that census is taken.--"It shall be the duty of each school board to see that the census required by the provisions of this article is taken at the proper time and in the proper manner." (1980)

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