

# **Impact of the Loss of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Funds**

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# **SDFSCA Background**

- **Law reauthorized in 1994 as the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act**
- **Funding distributed to School Divisions, VDOE and the Governor's Office of Substance Abuse Prevention (GOSAP)**

**20 percent to GOSAP**

**80 percent to School Divisions and VDOE**

**3 percent of the 80 percent remains at VDOE**

# Current Status

**Funding decrease from \$8.2 million in 2004 to \$5.4 million in 2009, with the likelihood of zero funding in 2010**

**Eliminated in President's and House budgets**

**Eliminated in Senate Appropriations Subcommittee**

## **Impact on:**

- School Divisions**
- Virginia Department of Education**
- Legislative and Regulatory Requirements**
- Governor’s Office of Substance Abuse Prevention**
- Community Sectors**

# Impact on School Divisions

**In 2009 school divisions received  
\$4,039,783 in SDFSCA funds.**

# Prevention and Intervention

In the 2007-2008 school year:

- **Ninety-seven percent of school divisions funded violence prevention activities.**
- **Ninety-three percent supported drug and violence prevention.**
- **Sixty-three percent supported Student Assistance Programs -- an integrated system of prevention, early intervention and support services for mental health and substance use.**

# School-Based Programs Supported with SDFSCA Funds

- Drop-Out Prevention
- Truancy Prevention
- Bullying Prevention
- Gang Prevention
- Substance Abuse Prevention

# Other Funded Activities

- **Alternative Education**
- **Staffing**
- **Professional Development**
- **Parent Education**
- **School Safety Training**

# Impact on VDOE

**The 2009 Virginia Department of Education's SDFSCA allocation was \$304,070.**

# Technical Assistance to School Divisions

- Training
- Model policies and procedures
- Best practices
- Data collection and use
- Program monitoring and evaluation
- Compliance with State and federal laws

# Legislative and Regulatory Responsibilities

- **State and federal requirements**
- **Virginia Board of Education (BOE)**

# Reporting Requirements

- **Discipline, Crime and Violence Report as required in § 22.1-279.3:1 of the *Code of Virginia***
- **Standards of Accreditation safety indicators for School Performance Report Card**
- **Federal *Gun-Free Schools Act* report**

# Reporting Requirements (continued)

- **Federal *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) report on suspension and expulsion of students with disabilities**
- **Federal *Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act* or Title IV, *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB)**
- **Title IX, Section 9532 “Unsafe School Choice Option” NCLB**

# State Laws

**§ 22.1-279.9. *Development of programs to prevent crime and violence—school boards***

**§ 22.1-3.3. *Transfer of students under certain circumstances—school boards***

**§ 22.1-279.3:1. *Reports of certain acts to school authorities—school divisions***

# State Laws: Board of Education

**§ 22.1-279.3:1.—Reports of certain acts—BOE to establish reporting dates and formats**

**§ 22.1-208.01. Character education—BOE to establish criteria**

**§ 22.1-279.6. BOE guidelines and model policies for codes of student conduct**

**§ 22.1-272.1. Child suicide/Child abuse or neglect—BOE to develop guidelines for parent contact**

# **State Laws: BOE** (continued)

***§ 22.1-279.8. School safety audits and school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plans required—BOE to develop a model school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plan***

***§ 22.1-279.7 Guidelines for student searches—BOE to develop guidelines***

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## **Local Alternative Education Survey**

### **Guidelines for local alternative education**

### **Student Assistance Program manual**

### **Truancy and Dropout Prevention Study and revised guidance manual**

# **The Virginia Board of Education Comprehensive Plan: 2007-2012**

**“The Board will provide leadership to help schools and school divisions ensure a safe and secure environment conducive to facilitating the teaching and learning process.”**

# Virginia Board of Education Regulations

## Standards of Accreditation:

**8 VAC 20-131-260. School emergency response plans and procedures**

**8 VAC 20-131-270. School Performance Report Card -- Indicators of school safety**

# Impact on the Governor's Office of Substance Abuse Prevention

- § 2.2-118, *Code of Virginia*, authorizes the Governor to administer the substance abuse prevention program.
- The GOSAP allocation of SDFSCA funds for 2009 is \$1.08 million.

# **GOSAP** (continued)

- **Maintains the GOSAP Collaborative**
  - **Advises the Governor and his Cabinet**
- **Plans and Implements statewide prevention initiatives**
- **Provides competitive grants to support prevention programming**

# Impact on Community Sectors

**School divisions collaborate with community stakeholders to:**

- **Complete needs and resource assessments**
- **Jointly fund programs**
- **Contract for services**
- **Leverage other funding sources**

# Percent of School Divisions Reporting Community Involvement

	<u>School Divisions</u>
Mental Health/SA Services	82% (111)
Parent/Citizen Groups	69% (93)
Social Services/ Juvenile Probation	68% (92)
Law Enforcement	87% (117)
Faith Community	36% (48)

# **SDFSCA Funds Used for Community Services**

**For 2006 (most recent data):**

- Approximately \$420,000 to community service boards**
- Over \$450,000 to other service providers for training and evaluation services**
- Over \$200,000 to local law enforcement to support School Resource Officers (SROs)**

# Summary

- **Loss of school division program capacity**
- **Loss of State capacity for technical assistance and implementation of laws and regulations**
- **Loss of statewide substance abuse prevention capacity**
- **Loss of funds to leverage community services for students**