State Bill 229 VA - 2018

TRANSPORTATION STAFF TRAINING

WHAT IS SB229?

Known as "The Hanger Bill," it requires autism-specific transportation training for school bus drivers and aides supporting students with autism.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Addresses training for school bus drivers and transportation personnel to ensure they understand autism and are prepared to safely and effectively support autistic students during transport.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Builds autism awareness among transportation staff
- Promotes safe, supportive transportation experiences
- Strengthens transportation staff's ability to respond to student needs

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

Virginia Board of Education autism transportation training must explicitly cover:

- Characteristics of autism spectrum disorder
- Strategies for interacting with autistic students
- Collaboration with employees assisting student transportation

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

PADLET

VCU-ACE's hybrid training series, **Safety for All: Autism Training for Transportation Staff**, includes online modules, discussions, and activities designed specifically to meet the needs of this unique group.

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