



BOARD REVISES SPEC. ED. RULE CHANGES

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The state Board of Education has revised special-education regulations, but they no longer include two contentious proposals opposed by parents of students with disabilities.

The board approved the changes Thursday. The regulations, which must be signed by the governor, will be in effect for seven years.

The Department of Education withdrew a proposal that would allow schools to stop providing special-education services to students without their parents' consent. It also withdrew a proposal to move educational appeals hearings from the Virginia Supreme Court to the Department of Education.

Governor Tim Kaine also opposed the parental consent issue, which drew thousands of comments from the public - mostly from those who thought it took away parents' rights.

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