



Under pressure, state withdraws two special education proposals

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Under pressure from politicians and thousands of parents of special education students, the state Department of Education has backed down from a proposed rules change that would limit parental consent for ending special education services.

Billy K. Cannaday Jr., Superintendent of Public Instruction, said the department also would withdraw a proposal to move the due process hearings from the Virginia Supreme Court to the Department of Education.

Cannaday said the two proposals will not be included in new regulations that will be presented to the Board of Education in about a week.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine and Speaker of the House William J. Howell, R-Stafford, objected to the rules changes, which also drew overwhelming opposition from parents at a series of regional hearings held around the state.

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