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*The May Policy Update, which was recently provided to members of VSBA Policy Services, contained several new and revised policies. Here's a summary of a few of the Policies.*

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>BCF</b>	<b>Advisory Committees to the School Board</b> Policy updated to reflect legislative actions making School Health Advisory Boards and Gifted Education Advisory Committees optional.
<b>GCG</b>	<b>Professional Staff Probationary Term and Continuing Contract</b> Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-304 by HB 76/SB 278. The statutory amendments changed the date by which teachers who have not achieved continuing contract status must be notified of nonrenewal from April 15 to June 15.
<b>GCPF</b>	<b>Suspension of Staff Members</b> New policy addressing suspension of all staff members.
<b>JFCL</b>	<b>Notification Regarding Prosecution of Juveniles as Adults</b> New policy based on Va. Code § 22.1-279.4 which requires schools to distribute information prepared by the Office of the Attorney General.
<b>JHCD</b>	<b>Administering Medications to Students</b> Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code §§ 22.1-274.2 and 54.1-3408 by HB 1107/SB656 (the epi-pen bill).
<b>JHG</b>	<b>Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting</b> Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 63.1-1509 by HB 74. The statutory changes provide details of the process to be used if a school board employee makes a report of child abuse or neglect through a third party rather than reporting it directly.
<b>LBD</b>	<b>Home Instruction</b> Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-254.1 by HB 1208/SB 564. The statutory amendment specifies that the curriculum required from parents who elect to provide home instruction to their children may include only a list of subjects taught.