

H.883 – Prekindergarten–Grade 12 Education Districts
As Passed by the House (04/30/2014) – *DRAFT!*

7/1/2020: Current Districts and Supervisory Unions are Realigned

~ 45–55 Education Districts with certain characteristics, including:

- responsible for the education of resident prekindergarten–grade 12 students
- 1,000 min. ADM for district OR 4 districts combine (+ flexibility if necessary)
- one elected board / one budget

Present – 7/1/2017: Voluntary Realignment of Districts

- Communities continue to work together to create a RED / Union School District
- Plan (articles of agreement) – statutory issues & community-specific concerns:
 - *e.g.* representation on district board; protection of small districts by, *e.g.*, requiring unanimous board vote on closure of schools; community councils that, *e.g.*, propose school-based budget to RED board for review; etc.
- RED created only if approved by voters in each district by 7/1/2017
- RED not subject to realignment by Statewide Plan (except if “stranded” district)

Present – 1/1/2018: Statewide Realignment Plan

- 20+ facilitated public meetings throughout State, before & after preliminary Plan
- Plan informed by public meetings & other public engagement activities
- Plan recognizes each community’s unique character, relationships, & geography
- Plan provides transition guidance and initial articles of agreement for use until communities adopt articles reflecting specific concerns and preferences
- Preliminary Plan available for review by 4/1/2017
- Process for districts to request change in placement proposed by preliminary Plan
- Final proposed Plan given to General Assembly by 1/1/2018

- *Enactment* – Plan effective (as is or amended) when GA enacts it into law
- *Flexibility of Plan* – if district size or Choice/Operating protections necessitate

Nonoperating Districts / Operating Districts: *Nothing* can require:

- A Nonoperating District to give up or change any aspect of tuition payment
- An Operating District to pay tuition instead of/as well as operate school(s)

Guidance Documents and Accountability

- AOE prepares guidance documents / models / accountability measures