

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-227.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to industry certifications*  
3 *and licensure in career and technical education.*

4 [S 326]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 22.1-227.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 22.1-227.1. Career and technical education.

9 The Board of Education shall incorporate into career and technical education the Standards of  
10 Learning for mathematics, science, English, and social studies, including history, and other subject areas  
11 as may be appropriate. The Board may also authorize, in its regulations for accrediting public schools in  
12 Virginia, the substitution of industry certification and state licensure examinations for Standards of  
13 Learning assessments for the purpose of awarding verified units of credit for career and technical  
14 education courses, where appropriate.

15 *The Board shall also develop a plan for increasing the number of students receiving industry*  
16 *certification and state licensure as part of their career and technical education. The plan shall include*  
17 *an annual goal for school divisions.*

18 With such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose, there shall be established, within the  
19 Department of Education, a unit of specialists in career and technical education. The unit shall (i) assist  
20 in developing and revising local career and technical curriculum to integrate the Standards of Learning,  
21 (ii) provide professional development for career and technical instructional personnel to improve the  
22 quality of career and technical education, (iii) conduct site visits to the schools providing career and  
23 technical education, and (iv) seek the input of business and industry representatives regarding the content  
24 and direction of career and technical education programs in the public schools of the Commonwealth.

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