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SENATE BILL NO. 255

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health) (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Miller, J.C.) Senate Amendments in [] - February 14, 2012

A BILL to develop a pilot program for certain high school students.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That Thomas Nelson Community College shall develop a pilot program to allow high school students to attend classes at Thomas Nelson Community College. Eligible students may enroll in Thomas Nelson Community College full time during the second semester of their senior year with tuition and fees to be paid as follows: one-third by the student, one-third by the local school division where the student had been enrolled immediately preceding the program, and one-third by the Commonwealth. Tuition for any science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) course, as defined by Thomas Nelson Community College, will be waived. In order to be eligible for the program, a student shall have earned all credits required for a standard or advanced high school diploma by the end of the first semester of his senior year of high school.

2. That the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation of general funds effectuating the purposes of this act is included in a general appropriations act passed by

the 2012 Session of the General Assembly, which becomes law.