

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-227.1, as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia, relating*
3 *to career and technical education; High School to Work Partnerships.*

4 [H 2101]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 22.1-227.1, as it shall become effective, of the Code of Virginia is amended and**
8 **reenacted as follows:**9 **§ 22.1-227.1. (Effective July 1, 2013) Career and technical education.**10 A. The Board of Education shall incorporate into career and technical education the Standards of
11 Learning for mathematics, science, English, and social studies, including history, and other subject areas
12 as may be appropriate. The Board may also authorize, in its regulations for accrediting public schools in
13 Virginia, the substitution of industry certification and state licensure examinations for Standards of
14 Learning assessments for the purpose of awarding verified units of credit for career and technical
15 education courses, where appropriate.16 B. The Board shall also develop a plan for increasing the number of students receiving industry
17 certification and state licensure as part of their career and technical education. The plan shall include an
18 annual goal for school divisions. Where there is an accepted national industry certification for career and
19 technical education instructional personnel and programs for automotive technology, such certification
20 shall be mandatory.21 C. With such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose, there shall be established, within the
22 Department of Education, a unit of specialists in career and technical education. The unit shall (i) assist
23 in developing and revising local career and technical curriculum to integrate the Standards of Learning,
24 (ii) provide professional development for career and technical instructional personnel to improve the
25 quality of career and technical education, (iii) conduct site visits to the schools providing career and
26 technical education, and (iv) seek the input of business and industry representatives regarding the content
27 and direction of career and technical education programs in the public schools of the Commonwealth.28 D. *The Board shall develop guidelines for the establishment of High School to Work Partnerships,*
29 *hereafter referred to as "Partnerships," between public high schools and local businesses to create*
30 *opportunities for students who may not seek further education after high school to (i) participate in an*
31 *apprenticeship, internship, or job shadow program in a variety of trades and skilled labor positions or*
32 *(ii) tour local businesses and meet with owners and employees. These guidelines shall include a model*
33 *waiver form to be used by high schools and local businesses in connection with Partnership programs*
34 *to protect both the students and the businesses from liability.*35 *Each local school board may encourage the local school division's career and technical education*
36 *administrator or his designee to collaborate with the guidance counselor office of each public high*
37 *school in the Commonwealth to establish Partnerships and to educate the student body about available*
38 *opportunities.*39 *Students who miss a partial or full day of school while participating in Partnership programs shall*
40 *not be counted as absent for the purposes of calculating average daily membership, but each local*
41 *school board shall develop policies and procedures for students to make up missed work and may*
42 *determine the maximum number of school days per academic year that a student may spend*
43 *participating in a Partnership program.*