

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Secretary of Education and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education*
3 *for Virginia to develop a plan to establish an online cooperative degree program.*

4 [H 2320]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. § 1.** *The Secretary of Education (Secretary) and the Director of the State Council of Higher*
8 *Education for Virginia (Director), in consultation with each two-year or four-year public or private,*
9 *nonprofit institution of higher education in the Commonwealth and the Virginia Community College*
10 *System, shall develop a plan to establish and advertise a cooperative degree program whereby any*
11 *undergraduate student enrolled at any two-year or four-year public or private, nonprofit institution of*
12 *higher education in the Commonwealth may complete, through the use of online courses at any such*
13 *institution, the course credit requirements to receive a degree at a tuition cost not to exceed \$4,000, or*
14 *such cost that is achievable, per academic year.*

15 *No later than October 1, 2016, the Secretary and the Director shall report to the Chairmen of the*
16 *House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on*
17 *Finance, and the Senate Committee on Education and Health on the progress made by the Secretary*
18 *and Director toward developing a cooperative degree program plan pursuant to this act.*

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