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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-220.02, relating to community colleges; enrollment policies.*

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-220.02 as follows:

§ 23-220.02. Career and technical education enrollment policies.

The State Board shall develop policies directing community colleges to offer any open seat in any career or technical education course that is not at full capacity to (i) students enrolled in public high schools that are located in the region served by the community college and (ii) individuals who (a) reside in the region served by the community college, (b) are unemployed at the time of enrollment or have an annual household income that does not exceed 100 percent of the federal poverty level, and (c) have registered for job services with the Virginia Workforce Connection. The policies developed by this section shall not be construed to be a replacement of, but shall be separate from and in addition to, any existing dual enrollment agreements between community colleges and public schools or any existing workforce development program.

2. That the State Board for Community Colleges, the Department of Education, and the Virginia Employment Commission shall work jointly to develop the policies required by this section.

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