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**HOUSE BILL NO. 793**

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-220.02, relating to academic credit; industry credentials.*

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor**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. Academic credit; industry credentials.**

*A. The State Board shall adopt a policy for the award of academic credit to any student enrolled in a comprehensive community college who has successfully completed a third-party industry credential identified as in-demand pursuant to subsection B and applicable to the student's certificate or degree program requirements.*

*B. The State Board shall identify, in consultation with the Virginia Board of Workforce Development and local business and industry leaders, in-demand third-party industry credentials for each community college region. The State Board shall publish a list of such credentials on its website.*

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