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SENATE BILL NO. 609

Offered January 13, 2016

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

Patrons—Alexander, Chafin, Cosgrove, Dance, Dunnavant, Favola, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, McPike, Miller, Newman, Wagner and Wexton

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. 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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