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HOUSE BILL NO. 1321

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 23.1-907 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public institutions of higher education; articulation agreements.

Patrons—Cole, Boysko, Delaney, Landes, Lindsey, Rasoul and Turpin; Senator: Ruff

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 23.1-907 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 23.1-907. Articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements; admission of certain comprehensive community college graduates.**

A. The board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education shall develop, consistent with Council guidelines and the institution's six-year plan as set forth in § 23.1-306, articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements with each associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education. *Each such articulation agreement shall (i) require the articulation of course credit earned within an academic major at the associate-degree-granting institution of higher education in cases in which the baccalaureate public institution of higher education offers the same academic major or similar academic majors and (ii) provide for the articulation of course credit for the successful completion of a dual enrollment course at a public high school in the same manner as is provided for the successful completion of a dual enrollment course at a comprehensive community college.*

B. The Council and each public institution of higher education shall develop a passport credit program, including any necessary guidelines for such program. In developing the program, the Council and each public institution of higher education shall establish competencies and standards for each passport credit course. Any course that does not meet or exceed the standards developed under the program shall not be deemed a passport credit course. Such passport credit program shall require that it is the responsibility of the course provider to ensure that a passport credit course meets the standards of the program. Each passport credit course shall satisfy a lower division general education requirement at any public institution of higher education.

C. The Council and each public institution of higher education shall develop a one-year uniform certificate of general studies program as set forth in subdivision 20 of § 23.1-203. All credits earned in academic subject coursework by students attending an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education who complete the one-year uniform certificate of general studies program are transferrable to a baccalaureate public institution of higher education in accordance with Council guidelines.

D. The Council shall prepare an annual report on the pertinent aspects of the pipeline of students transferring from comprehensive community colleges to baccalaureate public institutions of higher education.

E. The Council, consistent with its responsibility to facilitate the development of articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements set forth in §§ 23.1-203 and 23.1-908, shall develop guidelines for such agreements.

F. Each comprehensive community college shall develop agreements for postsecondary degree attainment with the public high schools in the school divisions that such comprehensive community college serves specifying the options for students to complete an associate degree or a one-year Uniform Certificate of General Studies concurrent with a high school diploma. Such agreements shall specify the credit available for dual enrollment courses and Advanced Placement courses with qualifying exam scores of three or higher.

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