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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-435.8, 2.2-2472, 63.2-100, 63.2-601, 63.2-608, 65.2-101, 65.2-500, 65.2-502, and 65.2-512 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare; name change.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-435.8, 2.2-2472, 63.2-100, 63.2-601, 63.2-608, 65.2-101, 65.2-500, 65.2-502, and 65.2-512 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-435.8. Workforce program evaluations; sharing of certain data.

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the agencies specified in subsection D may share data from within their respective databases solely to (i) provide the workforce program evaluation and policy analysis required by subdivision A 8 of § 2.2-435.7 and clause (i) of subdivision A 10 of § 2.2-435.7 and (ii) conduct education program evaluations that require employment outcomes data to meet state and federal reporting requirements.

B. Data shared pursuant to subsection A shall not include any personal identifying information, shall be encrypted, and shall be transmitted to the Governor or his designee. Upon receipt of such data, the Governor or his designee shall re-encrypt the data to prevent any participating agency from connecting shared data sets with existing agency files. For the purposes of this section:

1. "Identifying information" means the same as that term is defined in § 18.2-186.3; and

2. "Encrypted" means the same as that term is defined in § 18.2-186.6.

C. The Governor or his designee and all agencies authorized under this section shall destroy or erase all shared data upon completion of all required evaluations and analyses. The Governor or his designee may retain a third-party entity to assist with the evaluation and analysis.

D. The databases from the following agencies relating to the specific programs identified in this subsection may be shared solely to achieve the purposes specified in subsection A:

1. Virginia Employment Commission: Unemployment Insurance, Job Service, Trade Act, and Veterans Employment Training Programs;

2. Virginia Community College System: Postsecondary Career and Technical Education, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult, Youth and Dislocated Worker Programs;

3. Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services: Vocational Rehabilitation and Senior Community Services Employment Program;

4. Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired: Vocational Rehabilitation;

5. Department of Education: Adult Education and Family Literacy, Special Education, and Career and Technical Education;

6. Department of Labor and Industry: Apprenticeship;

7. Department of Social Services: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare Education and Work;

8. Virginia Economic Development Partnership: Virginia Jobs Investment Program;

9. Department of Juvenile Justice: Youth Industries and Institutional Work Programs and Career and Technical Education Programs;

10. Department of Corrections: Career and Technical Education Programs; and

11. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

§ 2.2-2472. Powers and duties of the Board; Virginia Workforce System created.

A. The Board shall implement a Virginia Workforce System that shall undertake the following actions to implement and foster workforce development and training and better align education and workforce programs to meet current and projected skills requirements of an increasingly technological, global workforce:

1. Provide policy advice to the Governor on workforce and workforce development issues in order to create a business-driven system that yields increasing rates of attainment of workforce credentials in demand by business and increasing rates of jobs creation and attainment;

2. Provide policy direction to local workforce development boards;

3. Assist the Governor in the development, implementation, and modification of any combined state plan developed pursuant to the WIOA;

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59 4. Identify current and emerging statewide workforce needs of the business community;
60 5. Forecast and identify training requirements for the new workforce;
61 6. Recommend strategies to match trained workers with available jobs to include strategies for
62 increasing business engagement in education and workforce development;
63 7. Evaluate the extent to which the state's workforce development programs emphasize education and
64 training opportunities that align with employers' workforce needs and labor market statistics and report
65 the findings of this analysis to the Governor every two years;
66 8. Advise and oversee the development of a strategic workforce dashboard and tools that will inform
67 the Governor, policy makers, system stakeholders, and the public on issues such as state and regional
68 labor market conditions, the relationship between the supply and demand for workers, workforce
69 program outcomes, and projected employment growth or decline. The Virginia Employment
70 Commission, along with other workforce partners, shall provide data to populate the tools and
71 dashboard;
72 9. Determine and publish a list of jobs, trades, and professions for which high demand for qualified
73 workers exists or is projected by the Virginia Employment Commission. The Virginia Employment
74 Commission shall support the Virginia Board of Workforce Development in making such determination.
75 Such information shall be published biennially and disseminated to employers; education and training
76 entities, including associate-degree-granting and baccalaureate public institutions of higher education;
77 government agencies, including the Department of Education and public libraries; and other users in the
78 public and private sectors;
79 10. Develop pay-for-performance contract strategy incentives for rapid reemployment services
80 consistent with the WIOA as an alternative model to traditional programs;
81 11. Conduct a review of budgets, which shall be submitted annually to the Board by each agency
82 conducting federal and state funded career and technical and adult education and workforce development
83 programs, that identify the agency's sources and expenditures of administrative, workforce education and
84 training, and support services for workforce development programs;
85 12. Review and recommend industry credentials that align with high demand occupations, which
86 credentials shall include a credential that determines career readiness;
87 13. Define the Board's role in certifying WIOA training providers, including those not subject to the
88 authority expressed in Article 3 (§ 23.1-213 et seq.) of Chapter 2 of Title 23.1;
89 14. Provide an annual report to the Governor concerning its actions and determinations under
90 subdivisions 1 through 13;
91 15. Create quality standards, guidelines, and directives applicable to local workforce development
92 boards and the operation of one-stops, as necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this
93 article; and
94 16. Perform any act or function in accordance with the purposes of this article.
95 B. The Board may establish such committees as it deems necessary including the following:
96 1. A committee to accomplish the federally mandated requirements of the WIOA;
97 2. An advanced technology committee to focus on high-technology workforce training needs and
98 skills attainment solutions through sector strategies, career readiness, and career pathways;
99 3. A performance and accountability committee to coordinate with the Virginia Employment
100 Commission, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Virginia Community College
101 System, and the Council on Virginia's Future to develop the metrics and measurements for publishing
102 comprehensive workforce score cards and other longitudinal data that will enable the Virginia Workforce
103 System to measure comprehensive accountability and performance; and
104 4. A military transition assistance committee to focus on workforce development and employment of
105 veterans and on reducing process and qualification barriers to training and employment services.
106 C. The Board and the Governor's cabinet secretaries shall assist the Governor in complying with the
107 provisions of the WIOA and ensuring the coordination and effectiveness of all federal and state funded
108 career and technical and adult education and workforce development programs and providers within
109 Virginia's Workforce System.
110 D. The Board shall assist the Governor in the following areas with respect to workforce
111 development: development of any combined state plan developed pursuant to the WIOA; development
112 and continuous improvement of a statewide workforce development system that ensures career readiness
113 and coordinates and aligns career and technical education, adult education, and federal and state
114 workforce programs; development of linkages to ensure coordination and nonduplication among
115 programs and activities; designation of local areas; development of local discretionary allocation
116 formulas; development and continuous improvement of comprehensive state performance measures
117 including, without limitation, performance measures reflecting the degree to which one-stop centers
118 provide comprehensive services with all mandatory partners and the degree to which local workforce
119 development boards have obtained funding from sources other than the WIOA; preparation of the annual
120 report to the U.S. Secretary of Labor; development of a statewide employment statistics system; and

development of a statewide system of one-stop centers that provide comprehensive workforce services to employers, employees, and job seekers.

The Board shall share information regarding its meetings and activities with the public.

E. Each local workforce development board shall develop and submit to the Governor and the Board an annual workforce demand plan for its workforce development board area based on a survey of local and regional businesses that reflects the local employers' needs and requirements and the availability of trained workers to meet those needs and requirements. Local boards shall also designate or certify one-stop operators; identify eligible providers of youth activities; develop a budget; conduct local oversight of one-stop operators and training providers in partnership with its local chief elected official; negotiate local performance measures, including incentives for good performance and penalties for inadequate performance; assist in developing statewide employment statistics; coordinate workforce development activities with economic development strategies and the annual demand plan, and develop linkages among them; develop and enter into memoranda of understanding with one-stop partners and implement the terms of such memoranda; promote participation by the private sector; actively seek sources of financing in addition to WIOA funds; report performance statistics to the Board; and certify local training providers in accordance with criteria provided by the Board. Further, a local training provider certified by any workforce development board has reciprocal certification for all workforce development boards.

F. Each workforce development board shall develop and execute a strategic plan designed to combine public and private resources to support sector strategies, career pathways, and career readiness skills development. Such initiatives shall include or address (i) a regional vision for workforce development; (ii) protocols for planning workforce strategies that anticipate industry needs; (iii) the needs of incumbent and underemployed workers in the region; (iv) the development of partners and guidelines for various forms of on-the-job training, such as registered apprenticeships; (v) the setting of standards and metrics for operational delivery; (vi) alignment of monetary and other resources, including private funds and in-kind contributions, to support the workforce development system; and (vii) the generation of new sources of funding to support workforce development in the region.

G. Local workforce development boards are encouraged to implement pay-for-performance contract strategy incentives for rapid reemployment services consistent within the WIOA as an alternative model to traditional programs. Such incentives shall focus on (i) partnerships that lead to placements of eligible job seekers in unsubsidized employment and (ii) placement in unsubsidized employment for hard-to-serve job seekers. At the discretion of the local workforce development board, funds to the extent permissible under §§ 128(b) and 133(b) of the WIOA may be allocated for pay-for-performance partnerships.

H. Each chief local elected official shall consult with the Governor regarding designation of local workforce development areas; appoint members to the local board in accordance with state criteria; serve as the local grant recipient unless another entity is designated in the local plan; negotiate local performance measures with the Governor; ensure that all mandated partners are active participants in the local workforce development board and one-stop center; and collaborate with the local workforce development board on local plans and program oversight.

I. Each local workforce development board shall develop and enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning the operation of the one-stop delivery system in the local area with each entity that carries out any of the following programs or activities:

1. Programs authorized under Title I of the WIOA;
2. Programs authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. § 49 et seq.);
3. Adult education and literacy activities authorized under Title II of the WIOA;
4. Programs authorized under Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 720 et seq.);
5. Postsecondary career and technical education activities authorized under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 2301 et seq.);
6. Activities authorized under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. § 2271 et seq.);
7. Activities pertaining to employment and training programs for veterans authorized under 38 U.S.C. § 4100 et seq.;
8. Programs authorized under Title 60.2, in accordance with applicable federal law;
9. Workforce development activities or work requirements of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program known in Virginia as the Virginia Initiative for ~~Employment, Not Welfare Education and Work (VIEW) program~~ established pursuant to § 63.2-608;
10. Workforce development activities or work programs authorized under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. § 2011 et seq.);
11. Other programs or activities as required by the WIOA; and
12. Programs authorized under Title I of the WIOA.

J. The quorum for a meeting of a local workforce development board shall consist of a majority of both the private sector and public sector members. Each local workforce development board shall share information regarding its meetings and activities with the public.

K. For the purposes of implementing the WIOA, income from service in the Virginia National Guard shall not disqualify unemployed service members from WIOA-related services.

L. The Chief Workforce Development Advisor shall be responsible for the coordination of the Virginia Workforce System and the implementation of the WIOA.

§ 63.2-100. Definitions.

As used in this title, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Abused or neglected child" means any child less than 18 years of age:

1. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care creates or inflicts, threatens to create or inflict, or allows to be created or inflicted upon such child a physical or mental injury by other than accidental means, or creates a substantial risk of death, disfigurement, or impairment of bodily or mental functions, including, but not limited to, a child who is with his parent or other person responsible for his care either (i) during the manufacture or attempted manufacture of a Schedule I or II controlled substance, or (ii) during the unlawful sale of such substance by that child's parents or other person responsible for his care, where such manufacture, or attempted manufacture or unlawful sale would constitute a felony violation of § 18.2-248;

2. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care neglects or refuses to provide care necessary for his health. However, no child who in good faith is under treatment solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination shall for that reason alone be considered to be an abused or neglected child. Further, a decision by parents who have legal authority for the child or, in the absence of parents with legal authority for the child, any person with legal authority for the child, who refuses a particular medical treatment for a child with a life-threatening condition shall not be deemed a refusal to provide necessary care if (i) such decision is made jointly by the parents or other person with legal authority and the child; (ii) the child has reached 14 years of age and is sufficiently mature to have an informed opinion on the subject of his medical treatment; (iii) the parents or other person with legal authority and the child have considered alternative treatment options; and (iv) the parents or other person with legal authority and the child believe in good faith that such decision is in the child's best interest. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to limit the provisions of § 16.1-278.4;

3. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care abandons such child;

4. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care commits or allows to be committed any act of sexual exploitation or any sexual act upon a child in violation of the law;

5. Who is without parental care or guardianship caused by the unreasonable absence or the mental or physical incapacity of the child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis;

6. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care creates a substantial risk of physical or mental injury by knowingly leaving the child alone in the same dwelling, including an apartment as defined in § 55-79.2, with a person to whom the child is not related by blood or marriage and who the parent or other person responsible for his care knows has been convicted of an offense against a minor for which registration is required as a violent sexual offender pursuant to § 9.1-902; or

7. Who has been identified as a victim of sex trafficking or severe forms of trafficking as defined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, 22 U.S.C. § 7102 et seq., and in the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, 42 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq.

If a civil proceeding under this title is based solely on the parent having left the child at a hospital or emergency medical services agency, it shall be an affirmative defense that such parent safely delivered the child to a hospital that provides 24-hour emergency services or to an attended emergency medical services agency that employs emergency medical services providers, within 14 days of the child's birth. For purposes of terminating parental rights pursuant to § 16.1-283 and placement for adoption, the court may find such a child is a neglected child upon the ground of abandonment.

"Adoptive home" means any family home selected and approved by a parent, local board or a licensed child-placing agency for the placement of a child with the intent of adoption.

"Adoptive placement" means arranging for the care of a child who is in the custody of a child-placing agency in an approved home for the purpose of adoption.

"Adult abuse" means the willful infliction of physical pain, injury or mental anguish or unreasonable confinement of an adult as defined in § 63.2-1603.

"Adult day care center" means any facility that is either operated for profit or that desires licensure and that provides supplementary care and protection during only a part of the day to four or more aged, infirm or disabled adults who reside elsewhere, except (i) a facility or portion of a facility licensed by the State Board of Health or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and (ii) the home or residence of an individual who cares for only persons related to him by blood or marriage.

Included in this definition are any two or more places, establishments or institutions owned, operated or controlled by a single entity and providing such supplementary care and protection to a combined total of four or more aged, infirm or disabled adults.

"Adult exploitation" means the illegal, unauthorized, improper, or fraudulent use of an adult as defined in § 63.2-1603 or his funds, property, benefits, resources, or other assets for another's profit, benefit, or advantage, including a caregiver or person serving in a fiduciary capacity, or that deprives the adult of his rightful use of or access to such funds, property, benefits, resources, or other assets. "Adult exploitation" includes (i) an intentional breach of a fiduciary obligation to an adult to his detriment or an intentional failure to use the financial resources of an adult in a manner that results in neglect of such adult; (ii) the acquisition, possession, or control of an adult's financial resources or property through the use of undue influence, coercion, or duress; and (iii) forcing or coercing an adult to pay for goods or services or perform services against his will for another's profit, benefit, or advantage if the adult did not agree, or was tricked, misled, or defrauded into agreeing, to pay for such goods or services or to perform such services.

"Adult foster care" means room and board, supervision, and special services to an adult who has a physical or mental condition. Adult foster care may be provided by a single provider for up to three adults.

"Adult neglect" means that an adult as defined in § 63.2-1603 is living under such circumstances that he is not able to provide for himself or is not being provided services necessary to maintain his physical and mental health and that the failure to receive such necessary services impairs or threatens to impair his well-being. However, no adult shall be considered neglected solely on the basis that such adult is receiving religious nonmedical treatment or religious nonmedical nursing care in lieu of medical care, provided that such treatment or care is performed in good faith and in accordance with the religious practices of the adult and there is a written or oral expression of consent by that adult.

"Adult protective services" means services provided by the local department that are necessary to protect an adult as defined in § 63.2-1603 from abuse, neglect or exploitation.

"Assisted living care" means a level of service provided by an assisted living facility for adults who may have physical or mental impairments and require at least a moderate level of assistance with activities of daily living.

"Assisted living facility" means any congregate residential setting that provides or coordinates personal and health care services, 24-hour supervision, and assistance (scheduled and unscheduled) for the maintenance or care of four or more adults who are aged, infirm or disabled and who are cared for in a primarily residential setting, except (i) a facility or portion of a facility licensed by the State Board of Health or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, but including any portion of such facility not so licensed; (ii) the home or residence of an individual who cares for or maintains only persons related to him by blood or marriage; (iii) a facility or portion of a facility serving infirm or disabled persons between the ages of 18 and 21, or 22 if enrolled in an educational program for the handicapped pursuant to § 22.1-214, when such facility is licensed by the Department as a children's residential facility under Chapter 17 (§ 63.2-1700 et seq.), but including any portion of the facility not so licensed; and (iv) any housing project for persons 62 years of age or older or the disabled that provides no more than basic coordination of care services and is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or by the Virginia Housing Development Authority. Included in this definition are any two or more places, establishments or institutions owned or operated by a single entity and providing maintenance or care to a combined total of four or more aged, infirm or disabled adults. Maintenance or care means the protection, general supervision and oversight of the physical and mental well-being of an aged, infirm or disabled individual.

"Auxiliary grants" means cash payments made to certain aged, blind or disabled individuals who receive benefits under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, as amended, or would be eligible to receive these benefits except for excess income.

"Birth family" or "birth sibling" means the child's biological family or biological sibling.

"Birth parent" means the child's biological parent and, for purposes of adoptive placement, means parent(s) by previous adoption.

"Board" means the State Board of Social Services.

"Child" means any natural person under 18 years of age.

"Child day center" means a child day program offered to (i) two or more children under the age of 13 in a facility that is not the residence of the provider or of any of the children in care or (ii) 13 or more children at any location.

"Child day program" means a regularly operating service arrangement for children where, during the absence of a parent or guardian, a person or organization has agreed to assume responsibility for the supervision, protection, and well-being of a child under the age of 13 for less than a 24-hour period.

305 "Child-placing agency" means any person who places children in foster homes, adoptive homes or
306 independent living arrangements pursuant to § 63.2-1819 or a local board that places children in foster
307 homes or adoptive homes pursuant to §§ 63.2-900, 63.2-903, and 63.2-1221. Officers, employees, or
308 agents of the Commonwealth, or any locality acting within the scope of their authority as such, who
309 serve as or maintain a child-placing agency, shall not be required to be licensed.

310 "Child-protective services" means the identification, receipt and immediate response to complaints
311 and reports of alleged child abuse or neglect for children under 18 years of age. It also includes
312 assessment, and arranging for and providing necessary protective and rehabilitative services for a child
313 and his family when the child has been found to have been abused or neglected or is at risk of being
314 abused or neglected.

315 "Child support services" means any civil, criminal or administrative action taken by the Division of
316 Child Support Enforcement to locate parents; establish paternity; and establish, modify, enforce, or
317 collect child support, or child and spousal support.

318 "Child-welfare agency" means a child day center, child-placing agency, children's residential facility,
319 family day home, family day system, or independent foster home.

320 "Children's residential facility" means any facility, child-caring institution, or group home that is
321 maintained for the purpose of receiving children separated from their parents or guardians for full-time
322 care, maintenance, protection and guidance, or for the purpose of providing independent living services
323 to persons between 18 and 21 years of age who are in the process of transitioning out of foster care.
324 Children's residential facility shall not include:

325 1. A licensed or accredited educational institution whose pupils, in the ordinary course of events,
326 return annually to the homes of their parents or guardians for not less than two months of summer
327 vacation;

328 2. An establishment required to be licensed as a summer camp by § 35.1-18; and

329 3. A licensed or accredited hospital legally maintained as such.

330 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department, his designee or authorized
331 representative.

332 "Department" means the State Department of Social Services.

333 "Department of Health and Human Services" means the Department of Health and Human Services
334 of the United States government or any department or agency thereof that may hereafter be designated
335 as the agency to administer the Social Security Act, as amended.

336 "Disposable income" means that part of the income due and payable of any individual remaining
337 after the deduction of any amount required by law to be withheld.

338 "Energy assistance" means benefits to assist low-income households with their home heating and
339 cooling needs, including, but not limited to, purchase of materials or substances used for home heating,
340 repair or replacement of heating equipment, emergency intervention in no-heat situations, purchase or
341 repair of cooling equipment, and payment of electric bills to operate cooling equipment, in accordance
342 with § 63.2-805, or provided under the Virginia Energy Assistance Program established pursuant to the
343 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (Title XXVI of Public Law 97-35), as amended.

344 "Family day home" means a child day program offered in the residence of the provider or the home
345 of any of the children in care for one through 12 children under the age of 13, exclusive of the
346 provider's own children and any children who reside in the home, when at least one child receives care
347 for compensation. The provider of a licensed or registered family day home shall disclose to the parents
348 or guardians of children in their care the percentage of time per week that persons other than the
349 provider will care for the children. Family day homes serving five through 12 children, exclusive of the
350 provider's own children and any children who reside in the home, shall be licensed. However, no family
351 day home shall care for more than four children under the age of two, including the provider's own
352 children and any children who reside in the home, unless the family day home is licensed or voluntarily
353 registered. However, a family day home where the children in care are all related to the provider by
354 blood or marriage shall not be required to be licensed.

355 "Family day system" means any person who approves family day homes as members of its system;
356 who refers children to available family day homes in that system; and who, through contractual
357 arrangement, may provide central administrative functions including, but not limited to, training of
358 operators of member homes; technical assistance and consultation to operators of member homes;
359 inspection, supervision, monitoring, and evaluation of member homes; and referral of children to
360 available health and social services.

361 "Foster care placement" means placement of a child through (i) an agreement between the parents or
362 guardians and the local board where legal custody remains with the parents or guardians or (ii) an
363 entrustment or commitment of the child to the local board or licensed child-placing agency.

364 "Foster home" means the place of residence of any natural person in which any child, other than a
365 child by birth or adoption of such person, resides as a member of the household.

366 "General relief" means money payments and other forms of relief made to those persons mentioned

in § 63.2-802 in accordance with the regulations of the Board and reimbursable in accordance with § 63.2-401.

"Independent foster home" means a private family home in which any child, other than a child by birth or adoption of such person, resides as a member of the household and has been placed therein independently of a child-placing agency except (i) a home in which are received only children related by birth or adoption of the person who maintains such home and children of personal friends of such person and (ii) a home in which is received a child or children committed under the provisions of subdivision A 4 of § 16.1-278.2, subdivision 6 of § 16.1-278.4, or subdivision A 13 of § 16.1-278.8.

"Independent living" means a planned program of services designed to assist a child age 16 and over and persons who are former foster care children or were formerly committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and are between the ages of 18 and 21 in transitioning to self-sufficiency.

"Independent living arrangement" means placement of (i) a child at least 16 years of age who is in the custody of a local board or licensed child-placing agency by the local board or licensed child-placing agency or (ii) a child at least 16 years of age or a person between the ages of 18 and 21 who was committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice immediately prior to placement by the Department of Juvenile Justice, in a living arrangement in which such child or person does not have daily substitute parental supervision.

"Independent living services" means services and activities provided to a child in foster care 14 years of age or older who was committed or entrusted to a local board of social services, child welfare agency, or private child-placing agency. "Independent living services" may also mean services and activities provided to a person who (i) was in foster care on his 18th birthday and has not yet reached the age of 21 years; (ii) is between the ages of 18 and 21 and who, immediately prior to his commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice, was in the custody of a local board of social services; or (iii) is a child at least 16 years of age or a person between the ages of 18 and 21 who was committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice immediately prior to placement in an independent living arrangement. Such services shall include counseling, education, housing, employment, and money management skills development, access to essential documents, and other appropriate services to help children or persons prepare for self-sufficiency.

"Independent physician" means a physician who is chosen by the resident of the assisted living facility and who has no financial interest in the assisted living facility, directly or indirectly, as an owner, officer, or employee or as an independent contractor with the residence.

"Intercountry placement" means the arrangement for the care of a child in an adoptive home or foster care placement into or out of the Commonwealth by a licensed child-placing agency, court, or other entity authorized to make such placements in accordance with the laws of the foreign country under which it operates.

"Interstate placement" means the arrangement for the care of a child in an adoptive home, foster care placement or in the home of the child's parent or with a relative or nonagency guardian, into or out of the Commonwealth, by a child-placing agency or court when the full legal right of the child's parent or nonagency guardian to plan for the child has been voluntarily terminated or limited or severed by the action of any court.

"Kinship care" means the full-time care, nurturing, and protection of children by relatives.

"Kinship guardian" means the adult relative of a child in a kinship guardianship established in accordance with § 63.2-1305 who has been awarded custody of the child by the court after acting as the child's foster parent.

"Kinship guardianship" means a relationship established in accordance with § 63.2-1305 between a child and an adult relative of the child who has formerly acted as the child's foster parent that is intended to be permanent and self-sustaining as evidenced by the transfer by the court to the adult relative of the child of the authority necessary to ensure the protection, education, care and control, and custody of the child and the authority for decision making for the child.

"Kinship Guardianship Assistance program" means a program consistent with 42 U.S.C. § 673 that provides, subject to a kinship guardianship assistance agreement developed in accordance with § 63.2-1305, payments to eligible individuals who have received custody of a relative child of whom they had been the foster parents.

"Local board" means the local board of social services representing one or more counties or cities.

"Local department" means the local department of social services of any county or city in this Commonwealth.

"Local director" means the director or his designated representative of the local department of the city or county.

"Merit system plan" means those regulations adopted by the Board in the development and operation of a system of personnel administration meeting requirements of the federal Office of Personnel Management.

428 "Parental placement" means locating or effecting the placement of a child or the placing of a child in
429 a family home by the child's parent or legal guardian for the purpose of foster care or adoption.

430 "Public assistance" means Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); auxiliary grants to the
431 aged, blind and disabled; medical assistance; energy assistance; food stamps; employment services; child
432 care; and general relief.

433 "Qualified assessor" means an entity contracting with the Department of Medical Assistance Services
434 to perform nursing facility pre-admission screening or to complete the uniform assessment instrument for
435 a home and community-based waiver program, including an independent physician contracting with the
436 Department of Medical Assistance Services to complete the uniform assessment instrument for residents
437 of assisted living facilities, or any hospital that has contracted with the Department of Medical
438 Assistance Services to perform nursing facility pre-admission screenings.

439 "Registered family day home" means any family day home that has met the standards for voluntary
440 registration for such homes pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board and that has obtained a
441 certificate of registration from the Commissioner.

442 "Residential living care" means a level of service provided by an assisted living facility for adults
443 who may have physical or mental impairments and require only minimal assistance with the activities of
444 daily living. The definition of "residential living care" includes the services provided by independent
445 living facilities that voluntarily become licensed.

446 "Sibling" means each of two or more children having one or more parents in common.

447 "Social services" means foster care, adoption, adoption assistance, child-protective services, domestic
448 violence services, or any other services program implemented in accordance with regulations adopted by
449 the Board. Social services also includes adult services pursuant to Article 4 (§ 51.5-144 et seq.) of
450 Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 and adult protective services pursuant to Article 5 (§ 51.5-148) of Chapter 14
451 of Title 51.5 provided by local departments of social services in accordance with regulations and under
452 the supervision of the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services.

453 "Special order" means an order imposing an administrative sanction issued to any party licensed
454 pursuant to this title by the Commissioner that has a stated duration of not more than 12 months. A
455 special order shall be considered a case decision as defined in § 2.2-4001.

456 "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" or "TANF" means the program administered by the
457 Department through which a relative can receive monthly cash assistance for the support of his eligible
458 children.

459 "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families-Unemployed Parent" or "TANF-UP" means the
460 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for families in which both natural or adoptive
461 parents of a child reside in the home and neither parent is exempt from the Virginia Initiative for
462 ~~Employment Not Welfare Education and Work~~ (VIEW) participation under § 63.2-609.

463 "Title IV-E Foster Care" means a federal program authorized under §§ 472 and 473 of the Social
464 Security Act, as amended, and administered by the Department through which foster care is provided on
465 behalf of qualifying children.

466 **§ 63.2-601. Virginia Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program; goals.**

467 The goals of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program are to:

468 1. Offer Virginians living in poverty the opportunity to achieve economic independence by removing
469 barriers and disincentives to work and providing positive incentives to work;

470 2. Provide families living in poverty with the opportunities and work skills necessary for
471 self-sufficiency;

472 3. Allow families living in poverty to contribute materially to their own self-sufficiency;

473 4. Set out the responsibilities of and expectations for recipients of public assistance and the
474 government; and

475 5. Provide families living in poverty with the opportunity to obtain work experience through the
476 Virginia Initiative for ~~Employment Not Welfare Education and Work~~ (VIEW).

477 None of the provisions of this chapter shall be construed or interpreted to create any rights, causes of
478 action, administrative claims or exemptions to the provisions of the Program, except as specifically
479 provided in §§ 63.2-609, 63.2-613, and 63.2-618.

480 The Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity and the Virginia Employment Commission
481 shall assist the Department in the administration of the Program.

482 **§ 63.2-608. Virginia Initiative for Education and Work (VIEW).**

483 A. The Department shall establish and administer the Virginia Initiative for ~~Employment Not Welfare~~
484 ~~Education and Work~~ (VIEW) to reduce long-term dependence on welfare, emphasize personal
485 responsibility, and enhance opportunities for personal initiative and self-sufficiency by promoting the
486 value of work. The Department shall endeavor to develop placements for VIEW participants that will
487 enable participants to develop job skills that are likely to result in independent employment and that take
488 into consideration the proficiency, experience, skills, and prior training of a participant.

489 VIEW shall recognize clearly defined responsibilities and obligations on the part of public assistance

recipients and shall include a written agreement of personal responsibility requiring parents to participate in work activities while receiving TANF, earned-income disregards to reduce disincentives to work, and a limit on TANF financial assistance.

VIEW shall require all able-bodied recipients of TANF who do not meet an exemption to participate in a work activity. VIEW shall require eligible TANF recipients to participate in unsubsidized, partially subsidized or fully subsidized employment or other allowable TANF work activity as defined by federal law and enter into an agreement of personal responsibility.

B. To the maximum extent permitted by federal law, and notwithstanding other provisions of Virginia law, the Department and local departments may, through applicable procurement laws and regulations, engage the services of public and private organizations to operate VIEW and to provide services incident to such operation.

C. All VIEW participants shall be under the direction and supervision of a case manager.

D. The Department shall ensure that participants are assigned to one of the following work activities within 90 days after the approval of TANF assistance:

1. Unsubsidized private-sector employment;

2. Subsidized employment, as follows:

a. The Department shall conduct a program in accordance with this section that shall be known as the Full Employment Program (FEP). FEP replaces TANF with subsidized employment. Persons not able to find unsubsidized employment who are otherwise eligible for TANF may participate in FEP unless exempted by this chapter. FEP shall assign participants to subsidized wage-paying private-sector jobs designed to increase the participants' self-sufficiency and improve their competitive position in the workforce.

b. Participants in FEP shall be placed in full-time employment when appropriate and shall be paid by the employer at an hourly rate not less than the federal or state minimum wage, whichever is higher. At no point shall a participant's spendable income received from wages and tax credits be less than the value of TANF received prior to the work placement.

c. Every employer subject to the Virginia unemployment insurance tax shall be eligible for assignment of FEP participants, but no employer shall be required to utilize such participants. Employers shall ensure that jobs made available to FEP participants are in conformity with § 3304(a)(5) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. FEP participants cannot be used to displace regular workers.

d. FEP employers shall:

(i) Endeavor to make FEP placements positive learning and training experiences;

(ii) Provide on-the-job training to the degree necessary for the participants to perform their duties;

(iii) Pay wages to participants at the same rate that they are paid to other employees performing the same type of work and having similar experience and employment tenure;

(iv) Provide sick leave, holiday and vacation benefits to participants to the same extent and on the same basis that they are provided to other employees performing the same type of work and having similar employment experience and tenure;

(v) Maintain health, safety and working conditions at or above levels generally acceptable in the industry and no less than those in which other employees perform the same type of work;

(vi) Provide workers' compensation coverage for participants;

(vii) Encourage volunteer mentors from among their other employees to assist participants in becoming oriented to work and the workplace; and

(viii) Sign an agreement with the local department outlining the employer requirements to participate in FEP. All agreements shall include notice of the employer's obligation to repay FEP reimbursements in the event the employer violates FEP rules.

e. As a condition of FEP participation, employers shall be prohibited from discriminating against any person, including program participants, on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, or disability;

3. Part-time or temporary employment;

4. Community work experience, as follows:

a. The Department and local departments shall work with other state, regional and local agencies and governments in developing job placements that serve a useful public purpose as provided in § 482(f) of the Social Security Act, as amended. Placements shall be selected to provide skills and serve a public function. VIEW participants shall not displace regular workers.

b. The number of hours per week for participants shall be determined by combining the total dollar amount of TANF and food stamps and dividing by the minimum wage with a maximum of a work week of 32 hours, of which up to 12 hours of employment-related education and training may substitute for work experience employment; or

5. Any other allowable TANF work activity as defined by federal law.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections A and D, if a local department determines that a

VIEW participant is in need of job skills and would benefit from immediate job skills training, it may place the participant in a program preparing individuals for a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education, a career and technical education program targeted at skills required for particular employment opportunities, or an apprenticeship program developed by the local department in accordance with requirements established by the Department. Eligible participants include those with problems related to obtaining and retaining employment, such as participants (i) with less than a high school education, (ii) whose reading or math skills are at or below the eighth grade level, (iii) who have not retained a job for a period of at least six months during the prior two years, or (iv) who are in a treatment program for a substance abuse problem or are receiving services through a family violence treatment program. The VIEW participant may continue in a high school equivalency examination preparation program, career and technical education program, or apprenticeship program for as long as the local department determines he is progressing satisfactorily and to the extent permitted by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), as amended.

F. Participants may be reevaluated after a period determined by the local department and reassigned to another work component. In addition, the number of hours worked may be reduced by the local department so that a participant may complete additional training or education to further his employability.

G. Local departments shall be authorized to sanction parents up to the full amount of the TANF grant for noncompliance, unless good cause exists.

H. VIEW participants shall not be assigned to projects that require that they travel unreasonable distances from their homes or remain away from their homes overnight without their consent.

Any injury to a VIEW participant arising out of and in the course of community work experience shall be covered by the participant's existing Medicaid coverage. If a community work experience participant is unable to work due to such an accident, his status shall be reviewed to determine whether he is eligible for an exemption from the limitation on TANF financial assistance.

A community work experience participant who becomes incapacitated for 30 days or more shall be eligible for TANF financial assistance for the duration of the incapacity, if otherwise eligible.

The Board shall adopt regulations providing for the accrual of paid sick leave or other equivalent mechanism for community work experience participants.

§ 65.2-101. Definitions.

As used in this title:

"Average weekly wage" means:

1. a. The earnings of the injured employee in the employment in which he was working at the time of the injury during the period of 52 weeks immediately preceding the date of the injury, divided by 52; but if the injured employee lost more than seven consecutive calendar days during such period, although not in the same week, then the earnings for the remainder of the 52 weeks shall be divided by the number of weeks remaining after the time so lost has been deducted. When the employment prior to the injury extended over a period of less than 52 weeks, the method of dividing the earnings during that period by the number of weeks and parts thereof during which the employee earned wages shall be followed, provided that results fair and just to both parties will be thereby obtained. When, by reason of a shortness of time during which the employee has been in the employment of his employer or the casual nature or terms of his employment, it is impractical to compute the average weekly wages as above defined, regard shall be had to the average weekly amount which during the 52 weeks previous to the injury was being earned by a person of the same grade and character employed in the same class of employment in the same locality or community.

b. When for exceptional reasons the foregoing would be unfair either to the employer or employee, such other method of computing average weekly wages may be resorted to as will most nearly approximate the amount which the injured employee would be earning were it not for the injury.

2. Whenever allowances of any character made to an employee in lieu of wages are a specified part of the wage contract, they shall be deemed a part of his earnings. For the purpose of this title, the average weekly wage of the members of the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Defense Force, registered members on duty or in training of the United States Civil Defense Corps of the Commonwealth, volunteer firefighters engaged in firefighting activities under the supervision and control of the Department of Forestry, and forest wardens shall be deemed to be such amount as will entitle them to the maximum compensation payable under this title; however, any award entered under the provisions of this title on behalf of members of the National Guard or their dependents, or registered members on duty or in training of the United States Civil Defense Corps of the Commonwealth or their dependents, shall be subject to credit for benefits paid them under existing or future federal law on account of injury or occupational disease covered by the provisions of this title.

3. Whenever volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical services personnel, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police, auxiliary or reserve deputy sheriffs, members of volunteer search and rescue organizations, volunteer members of community emergency response teams,

and volunteer members of medical reserve corps are deemed employees under this title, their average weekly wage shall be deemed sufficient to produce the minimum compensation provided by this title for injured workers or their dependents. For the purposes of workers' compensation insurance premium calculations, the monthly payroll for each volunteer firefighter or volunteer who is an individual who meets the definition of "emergency medical services personnel" in § 32.1-111.1 shall be deemed to be \$300.

4. The average weekly wage of persons, other than those covered in subdivision 3 of this definition, who respond to a hazardous materials incident at the request of the Department of Emergency Management shall be based upon the earnings of such persons from their primary employers.

"Award" means the grant or denial of benefits or other relief under this title or any rule adopted pursuant thereto.

"Change in condition" means a change in physical condition of the employee as well as any change in the conditions under which compensation was awarded, suspended, or terminated which would affect the right to, amount of, or duration of compensation.

"Client company" means any person that enters into an agreement for professional employer services with a professional employer organization.

"Coemployee" means an employee performing services pursuant to an agreement for professional employer services between a client company and a professional employer organization.

"Commission" means the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission as well as its former designation as the Virginia Industrial Commission.

"Employee" means:

1. a. Every person, including aliens and minors, in the service of another under any contract of hire or apprenticeship, written or implied, whether lawfully or unlawfully employed, except (i) one whose employment is not in the usual course of the trade, business, occupation or profession of the employer or (ii) as otherwise provided in subdivision 2 of this definition.

b. Any apprentice, trainee, or retrainee who is regularly employed while receiving training or instruction outside of regular working hours and off the job, so long as the training or instruction is related to his employment and is authorized by his employer.

c. Members of the Virginia National Guard, whether on duty in a paid or unpaid status or when performing voluntary service to their unit in a nonduty status at the request of their commander.

Income benefits for members of the National Guard shall be terminated when they are able to return to their customary civilian employment or self-employment. If they are neither employed nor self-employed, those benefits shall terminate when they are able to return to their military duties. If a member of the National Guard who is fit to return to his customary civilian employment or self-employment remains unable to perform his military duties and thereby suffers loss of military pay which he would otherwise have earned, he shall be entitled to one day of income benefits for each unit training assembly or day of paid training which he is unable to attend.

d. Members of the Virginia Defense Force.

e. Registered members of the United States Civil Defense Corps of the Commonwealth, whether on duty or in training.

f. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, all officers and employees of the Commonwealth, including (i) forest wardens; (ii) judges, clerks, deputy clerks and employees of juvenile and domestic relations district courts and general district courts; and (iii) secretaries and administrative assistants for officers and members of the General Assembly employed pursuant to § 30-19.4 and compensated as provided in the general appropriation act, who shall be deemed employees of the Commonwealth.

g. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, all officers and employees of a municipal corporation or political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

h. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, (i) every executive officer, including president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer or other officer, elected or appointed in accordance with the charter and bylaws of a corporation, municipal or otherwise and (ii) every manager of a limited liability company elected or appointed in accordance with the articles of organization or operating agreement of the limited liability company.

i. Policemen and firefighters, sheriffs and their deputies, town sergeants and their deputies, county and city commissioners of the revenue, county and city treasurers, attorneys for the Commonwealth, clerks of circuit courts and their deputies, officers and employees, and electoral board members appointed in accordance with § 24.2-106, who shall be deemed employees of the respective cities, counties and towns in which their services are employed and by whom their salaries are paid or in which their compensation is earnable. However, notwithstanding the foregoing provision of this subdivision, such individuals who would otherwise be deemed to be employees of the city, county, or town in which their services are employed and by whom their salaries are paid or in which their

674 compensation is earnable shall be deemed to be employees of the Commonwealth while rendering aid
675 outside of the Commonwealth pursuant to a request, approved by the Commonwealth, under the
676 Emergency Management Assistance Compact enacted pursuant to § 44-146.28:1.

677 j. Members of the governing body of any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth, whenever
678 coverage under this title is extended to such members by resolution or ordinance duly adopted.

679 k. Volunteers, officers and employees of any commission or board of any authority created or
680 controlled by a local governing body, or any local agency or public service corporation owned, operated
681 or controlled by such local governing body, whenever coverage under this title is authorized by
682 resolution or ordinance duly adopted by the governing board of any county, city, town, or any political
683 subdivision thereof.

684 l. Except as provided in subdivision 2 of this definition, volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency
685 medical services agency personnel, volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police,
686 auxiliary or reserve deputy sheriffs, members of volunteer search and rescue organizations, volunteer
687 members of regional hazardous materials emergency response teams, volunteer members of community
688 emergency response teams, and volunteer members of medical reserve corps, who shall be deemed
689 employees of (i) the political subdivision or public institution of higher education in which the principal
690 office of such volunteer fire company, volunteer emergency medical services agency personnel,
691 volunteer law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police force, auxiliary or reserve deputy sheriff
692 force, volunteer search and rescue organization, regional hazardous materials emergency response team,
693 community emergency response team, or medical reserve corps is located if the governing body of such
694 political subdivision or public institution of higher education has adopted a resolution acknowledging
695 those persons as employees for the purposes of this title or (ii) in the case of volunteer firefighters or
696 volunteer emergency medical services personnel, the fire companies or emergency medical services
697 agencies for which volunteer services are provided whenever such companies or squads elect to be
698 included as an employer under this title.

699 m.(1) Volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical services agency personnel, volunteer
700 law-enforcement chaplains, auxiliary or reserve police, auxiliary or reserve deputy sheriffs, members of
701 volunteer search and rescue organizations and any other persons who respond to an incident upon
702 request of the Department of Emergency Management, who shall be deemed employees of the
703 Department of Emergency Management for the purposes of this title.

704 (2) Volunteer firefighters when engaged in firefighting activities under the supervision and control of
705 the Department of Forestry, who shall be deemed employees of the Department of Forestry for the
706 purposes of this title.

707 n. Any sole proprietor, shareholder of a stock corporation having only one shareholder, member of a
708 limited liability company having only one member, or all partners of a business electing to be included
709 as an employee under the workers' compensation coverage of such business if the insurer is notified of
710 this election. Any sole proprietor, shareholder or member or the partners shall, upon such election, be
711 entitled to employee benefits and be subject to employee responsibilities prescribed in this title.

712 When any partner or sole shareholder, member or proprietor is entitled to receive coverage under this
713 title, such person shall be subject to all provisions of this title as if he were an employee; however, the
714 notices required under §§ 65.2-405 and 65.2-600 shall be given to the insurance carrier, and the panel of
715 physicians required under § 65.2-603 shall be selected by the insurance carrier.

716 o. The independent contractor of any employer subject to this title at the election of such employer
717 provided (i) the independent contractor agrees to such inclusion and (ii) unless the employer is
718 self-insured, the employer's insurer agrees in writing to such inclusion. All or part of the cost of the
719 insurance coverage of the independent contractor may be borne by the independent contractor.

720 When any independent contractor is entitled to receive coverage under this section, such person shall
721 be subject to all provisions of this title as if he were an employee, provided that the notices required
722 under §§ 65.2-405 and 65.2-600 are given either to the employer or its insurance carrier.

723 However, nothing in this title shall be construed to make the employees of any independent
724 contractor the employees of the person or corporation employing or contracting with such independent
725 contractor.

726 p. The legal representative, dependents and any other persons to whom compensation may be payable
727 when any person covered as an employee under this title shall be deceased.

728 q. Jail officers and jail superintendents employed by regional jails or jail farm boards or authorities,
729 whether created pursuant to Article 3.1 (§ 53.1-95.2 et seq.) or Article 5 (§ 53.1-105 et seq.) of Chapter
730 3 of Title 53.1, or an act of assembly.

731 r. AmeriCorps members who receive stipends in return for volunteering in local, state and nonprofit
732 agencies in the Commonwealth, who shall be deemed employees of the Commonwealth for the purposes
733 of this title.

734 s. Food Stamp recipients participating in the work experience component of the Food Stamp
735 Employment and Training Program, who shall be deemed employees of the Commonwealth for the

purposes of this title.

t. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients not eligible for Medicaid participating in the work experience component of the Virginia Initiative for ~~Employment Not Welfare Program Education and Work~~, who shall be deemed employees of the Commonwealth for the purposes of this title.

2. "Employee" shall not mean:

a. Officers and employees of the Commonwealth who are elected by the General Assembly, or appointed by the Governor, either with or without the confirmation of the Senate. This exception shall not apply to any "state employee" as defined in § 51.1-124.3 nor to Supreme Court Justices, judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of the circuit or district courts, members of the Workers' Compensation Commission and the State Corporation Commission, or the Superintendent of State Police.

b. Officers and employees of municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth who are elected by the people or by the governing bodies, and who act in purely administrative capacities and are to serve for a definite term of office.

c. Any person who is a licensed real estate salesperson, or a licensed real estate broker associated with a real estate broker, if (i) substantially all of the salesperson's or associated broker's remuneration is derived from real estate commissions, (ii) the services of the salesperson or associated broker are performed under a written contract specifying that the salesperson is an independent contractor, and (iii) such contract includes a provision that the salesperson or associated broker will not be treated as an employee for federal income tax purposes.

d. Any taxicab or executive sedan driver, provided the Commission is furnished evidence that such individual is excluded from taxation by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

e. Casual employees.

f. Domestic servants.

g. Farm and horticultural laborers, unless the employer regularly has in service more than three full-time employees.

h. Employees of any person, firm or private corporation, including any public service corporation, that has regularly in service less than three employees in the same business within this Commonwealth, unless such employees and their employers voluntarily elect to be bound by this title. However, this exemption shall not apply to the operators of underground coal mines or their employees. An executive officer who is not paid salary or wages on a regular basis at an agreed upon amount and who rejects coverage under this title pursuant to § 65.2-300 shall not be included as an employee for purposes of this subdivision.

i. Employees of any common carrier by railroad engaging in commerce between any of the several states or territories or between the District of Columbia and any of the states or territories and any foreign nation or nations, and any person suffering injury or death while he is employed by such carrier in such commerce. This title shall not be construed to lessen the liability of any such common carrier or to diminish or take away in any respect any right that any person so employed, or the personal representative, kindred or relation, or dependent of such person, may have under the act of Congress relating to the liability of common carriers by railroad to their employees in certain cases, approved April 22, 1908, or under §§ 8.01-57 through 8.01-62 or § 56-441.

j. Employees of common carriers by railroad who are engaged in intrastate trade or commerce. However, this title shall not be construed to lessen the liability of such common carriers or take away or diminish any right that any employee or, in case of his death, the personal representative of such employee of such common carrier may have under §§ 8.01-57 through 8.01-61 or § 56-441.

k. Except as provided in subdivision 1 of this definition, a member of a volunteer fire department or volunteer emergency medical services agency when engaged in activities related principally to participation as an individual who meets the definition of "emergency medical services personnel" in § 32.1-111.1 or a member of such fire department whether or not the volunteer continues to receive compensation from his employer for time away from the job.

l. Except as otherwise provided in this title, noncompensated employees and noncompensated directors of (i) corporations exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code (Internal Revenue Code of 1954) or (ii) property owners' associations as defined in § 55-509.

m. Any person performing services as a sports official for an entity sponsoring an interscholastic or intercollegiate sports event or any person performing services as a sports official for a public entity or a private, nonprofit organization which sponsors an amateur sports event. For the purposes of this subdivision, "sports official" includes an umpire, referee, judge, scorekeeper, timekeeper or other person who is a neutral participant in a sports event. This shall not include any person, otherwise employed by an organization or entity sponsoring a sports event, who performs services as a sports official as part of his regular employment.

n. Any person who suffers an injury on or after July 1, 2012, for which there is jurisdiction under

807 either the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, 33 U.S.C. § 901 et seq., and its
808 extensions, or the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, 46 U.S.C. § 30104 et seq. However, this title shall not
809 be construed to eliminate or diminish any right that any person or, in the case of the person's death, his
810 personal representative, may have under either the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act,
811 33 U.S.C. § 901 et seq., and its extensions, or the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, 46 U.S.C. § 30104 et
812 seq.

813 o. An owner-operator of a motor vehicle that is leased with or to a common or contract carrier in the
814 trucking industry if (i) the owner-operator performs services for the carrier pursuant to a contract that
815 provides that the owner-operator is an independent contractor and shall not be treated as an employee
816 for purposes of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, 26 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq., Social Security Act
817 of 1935, P.L. 74-271, federal unemployment tax laws, and federal income tax laws and (ii) each of the
818 following factors is present:

- 819 (1) The owner-operator is responsible for the maintenance of the vehicle;
- 820 (2) The owner-operator bears the principal burden of the vehicle's operating costs;
- 821 (3) The owner-operator is the driver;
- 822 (4) The owner-operator's compensation is based on factors related to the work performed and not on
823 the basis of hours or time expended; and
- 824 (5) The owner-operator determines the method and means of performing the service.

825 "Employer" includes (i) any person, the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof and any
826 individual, firm, association or corporation, or the receiver or trustee of the same, or the legal
827 representative of a deceased employer, using the service of another for pay and (ii) any volunteer fire
828 company or volunteer emergency medical services agency electing to be included and maintaining
829 coverage as an employer under this title. If the employer is insured, it includes his insurer so far as
830 applicable.

831 "Executive officer" means (i) the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer or other officer elected
832 or appointed in accordance with the charter and bylaws of a corporation and (ii) the managers elected or
833 appointed in accordance with the articles of organization or operating agreement of a limited liability
834 company. However, "executive officer" does not include (a) noncompensated officers of corporations
835 exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code (Internal Revenue
836 Code of 1954) or (b) noncompensated officers of a property owners' association as such term is defined
837 in § 55-509.

838 "Filed" means hand delivered to the Commission's office in Richmond or any regional office
839 maintained by the Commission; sent by means of electronic transmission approved by the Commission;
840 sent by facsimile transmission; or posted at any post office of the United States Postal Service by
841 certified or registered mail. Filing by first-class mail, electronic transmission, or facsimile transmission
842 shall be deemed completed only when the document or other material transmitted reaches the
843 Commission or its designated agent.

844 "Injury" means only injury by accident arising out of and in the course of the employment or
845 occupational disease as defined in Chapter 4 (§ 65.2-400 et seq.) and does not include a disease in any
846 form, except when it results naturally and unavoidably from either of the foregoing causes. Such term
847 shall not include any injury, disease or condition resulting from an employee's voluntary:

848 1. Participation in employer-sponsored off-duty recreational activities which are not part of the
849 employee's duties; or

850 2. Use of a motor vehicle that was provided to the employee by a motor vehicle dealer as defined by
851 § 46.2-1500 and bears a dealer's license plate as defined by § 46.2-1550 for (i) commuting to or from
852 work or (ii) any other nonwork activity.

853 Such term shall include any injury, disease or condition:

854 1. Arising out of and in the course of the employment of (a) an employee of a hospital as defined in
855 § 32.1-123; (b) an employee of a health care provider as defined in § 8.01-581.1; (c) an employee of the
856 Department of Health or a local department of health; (d) a member of a search and rescue organization;
857 or (e) any person described in clauses (i) through (iv), (vi), and (ix) of subsection A of § 65.2-402.1
858 otherwise subject to the provisions of this title; and

859 2. Resulting from (a) the administration of vaccinia (smallpox) vaccine, Cidofivir and derivatives
860 thereof, or Vaccinia Immune Globulin as part of federally initiated smallpox countermeasures, or (b)
861 transmission of vaccinia in the course of employment from an employee participating in such
862 countermeasures to a coemployee of the same employer.

863 "Professional employer organization" means any person that enters into a written agreement with a
864 client company to provide professional employer services.

865 "Professional employer services" means services provided to a client company pursuant to a written
866 agreement with a professional employer organization whereby the professional employer organization
867 initially employs all or a majority of a client company's workforce and assumes responsibilities as an
868 employer for all coemployees that are assigned, allocated, or shared by the agreement between the

professional employer organization and the client company.

"Staffing service" means any person, other than a professional employer organization, that hires its own employees and assigns them to a client to support or supplement the client's workforce. It includes temporary staffing services that supply employees to clients in special work situations such as employee absences, temporary skill shortages, seasonal workloads, and special assignments and projects.

§ 65.2-500. Compensation for total incapacity; computation of average wage; exclusion of AmeriCorps members, certain Food Stamp Employment and Training Program participants, and certain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families participants.

A. Except as provided in subsections E, F and G, when the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is total, the employer shall pay, or cause to be paid, as hereinafter provided, to the injured employee during such total incapacity, a weekly compensation equal to 66 2/3 percent of his average weekly wages, with a minimum not less than 25 percent and a maximum of not more than 100 percent of the average weekly wage of the Commonwealth as defined herein. In any event, income benefits shall not exceed the average weekly wage of the injured employee. Any farm employer who continues to furnish benefits while the employee is incapacitated shall be given credit for the value of such benefits so furnished when computing the compensation due the employee.

B. For the purpose of this section the average wage in the Commonwealth shall be determined by the Commission as follows: On or before January 1 of each year, the total wages, excluding wages of United States government employees, reported on contribution reports to the Virginia Employment Commission for the 12-month period ending the preceding June 30 shall be divided by the average monthly number of insured workers (determined by dividing the total insured workers reported for that 12-month period by 12). The average annual wage thus obtained shall be divided by 52 and the average weekly wage thus determined rounded to the nearest dollar. The average weekly wage as so determined shall be applicable for the full period during which income benefits are payable, when the date of occurrence of injury or of disablement in the case of disease falls within the year commencing with the July 1 following the date of determination.

C. The minimum or the maximum weekly income benefits shall not be changed for any year unless the computation herein provided results in an increase or decrease of \$2 or more, raised to the next even dollar in the level of the minimum or the maximum weekly income benefits.

D. The weekly compensation on account of total and permanent incapacity as defined by subsection C of § 65.2-503 shall continue for the lifetime of the injured employee without limit as to total amount.

E. AmeriCorps members as defined in subdivision r of § 65.2-101 shall not be eligible to receive weekly compensation for total incapacity, whether permanent or temporary, regardless of whether the injury results in death.

F. Food Stamp recipients participating in the work experience component of the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program as defined in subdivision s of § 65.2-101 shall not be eligible to receive weekly compensation for total incapacity, whether permanent or temporary, regardless of whether the injury results in death.

G. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients participating in the work experience component of the Virginia Initiative for ~~Employment Not Welfare Program~~ Education and Work as defined in subdivision t of § 65.2-101 shall not be eligible to receive weekly compensation for total incapacity, whether permanent or temporary, regardless of whether the injury results in death.

§ 65.2-502. Compensation for partial incapacity; exclusion of AmeriCorps members, certain Food Stamp Employment and Training Program participants, and certain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families participants.

A. Except as otherwise provided in § 65.2-503 or 65.2-510, or as provided in subsections B, C and D, when the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is partial, the employer shall pay, or cause to be paid, as hereinafter provided, to the injured employee during such incapacity a weekly compensation equal to 66 2/3 percent of the difference between his average weekly wages before the injury and the average weekly wages which he is able to earn thereafter, but not more than 100 percent of the average weekly wage of the Commonwealth as defined in § 65.2-500. For purposes of calculating an injured employee's post-injury average weekly wage, the following rules shall apply to commissioned employees, self-employed income, and income derived from an employer in which the injured worker or their immediate family has an ownership interest: if the period of partial incapacity exists for 13 weeks or less, the injured employee's post-injury average weekly wage shall be computed by dividing the employee's total earnings during the first two weeks of partial incapacity by two, subject to retroactive adjustments as provided hereinafter. If the period of partial incapacity exists for more than 13 weeks, the injured employee's post-injury average weekly wage for each 13-week interval shall be computed by dividing the employee's total earnings during the period of partial incapacity by the number of weeks included in such period; however, if an injured employee's period of partial incapacity ends after the close of a 13-week interval but before the close of the next 13-week interval, the injured employee's

920 post-injury average weekly wage for such portion of the subsequent 13-week interval shall be calculated
921 by dividing the employee's total earnings during the period of partial incapacity by the number of weeks
922 included in such period. When an injured employee is under a continuing award of temporary partial
923 benefits, the employer or the employee shall be entitled to seek a retroactive adjustment of the
924 temporary partial rate for the 90 days preceding the application seeking such adjustment of the
925 temporary partial rate computed in accordance with the above method of calculation. Any resulting
926 amount due to the employee shall be paid to the employee. Any resulting credit due to the employer
927 may be offset dollar for dollar against future compensation benefits due the injured employee, subject to
928 the provisions of § 65.2-520. The employee is required pursuant to § 65.2-712 to immediately disclose
929 increases in his earnings. For all other employments, the employee's post-injury average weekly wage
930 may, in the Commission's discretion, be calculated using the preceding formula or a week-to-week
931 calculation. In case the partial incapacity begins after a period of total incapacity, the latter period shall
932 be deducted from the maximum period herein allowed for partial incapacity. However, the employer
933 shall not be required to pay, or cause to be paid, compensation under this section to any injured
934 employee not eligible for lawful employment; nor shall any such injured employee not eligible for
935 lawful employment who is partially incapacitated be entitled during partial incapacity to receive
936 temporary total benefits under § 65.2-500.

937 B. AmeriCorps members as defined in subdivision r of § 65.2-101 shall not be eligible to receive
938 weekly compensation for partial incapacity, whether permanent or temporary, regardless of whether the
939 injury results in death.

940 C. Food Stamp recipients participating in the work experience component of the Food Stamp
941 Employment and Training Program as defined in subdivision s of § 65.2-101 shall not be eligible to
942 receive weekly compensation for partial incapacity, whether permanent or temporary, regardless of
943 whether the injury results in death.

944 D. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients participating in the work experience
945 component of the Virginia Initiative for ~~Employment Not Welfare Program~~ *Education and Work* as
946 defined in subdivision t of § 65.2-101 shall not be eligible to receive weekly compensation for partial
947 incapacity, whether permanent or temporary, regardless of whether the injury results in death.

948 **§ 65.2-512. Compensation to dependents of an employee killed; burial expenses.**

949 A. Except as provided in subsections F, G and H, if death results from the accident within nine
950 years, the employer shall pay, or cause to be paid, compensation in weekly payments equal to 66 2/3
951 percent of the employee's average weekly wages, but not more than 100 percent of the average weekly
952 wage of the Commonwealth as defined in § 65.2-500 nor less than 25 percent of the average weekly
953 wage as defined therein:

954 1. To those persons presumed to be wholly dependent upon the deceased employee as set forth in
955 subdivisions A 1, A 2, and A 3 of § 65.2-515, for a period of 500 weeks from the date of injury; or

956 2. If there are no total dependents pursuant to subdivision A 1, A 2, or A 3 of § 65.2-515, to those
957 persons presumed to be wholly dependent as set forth in subdivision A 4 of § 65.2-515, and to those
958 determined to be wholly dependent in fact, for a period of 400 weeks from the date of injury; or

959 3. If there are no total dependents, to partial dependents in fact, for a period of 400 weeks from the
960 date of injury.

961 B. The employer shall also pay burial expenses not exceeding \$10,000 and reasonable transportation
962 expenses for the deceased not exceeding \$1,000.

963 C. Benefits shall be divided equally among total dependents, to the exclusion of partial dependents.
964 If there are no total dependents, benefits shall be divided among partial dependents according to the
965 dependency of each upon the earnings of the employee at the time of the injury, in the proportion that
966 partial dependency bears to total dependency.

967 D. If benefits are terminated as to any member of a class herein, that member's share shall be
968 divided among the remaining members of the class proportionately according to their dependency.

969 E. When weekly payments have been made to an injured employee before his death, the
970 compensation to dependents shall begin from the date of the last of such payments but shall not
971 continue for a period longer than specified in subsection A of this section.

972 F. No benefits shall be paid pursuant to this section to the dependents of an AmeriCorps member as
973 defined in subdivision r of § 65.2-101.

974 G. No benefits shall be paid pursuant to subsections A, C, D or E to the dependents of a Food
975 Stamp recipient participating in the work experience component of the Food Stamp Employment and
976 Training Program as defined in subdivision s of § 65.2-101.

977 H. No benefits shall be paid pursuant to subsections A, C, D or E to the dependents of a Temporary
978 Assistance for Needy Families recipient participating in the work experience component of the Virginia
979 Initiative for ~~Employment Not Welfare Program~~ *Education and Work* as defined in subdivision t of
980 § 65.2-101.