

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-2472.3, relating to local*  
3 *workforce development boards; career pathways for opportunity youth.*

4 [H 2726]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-2472.3 as follows:**8 **§ 2.2-2472.3. Strategy for career pathways for opportunity youth.**

9 *A. As used in this section, "opportunity youth" means individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 who*  
10 *are (i) homeless, in foster care, or involved in the justice system or (ii) neither gainfully employed nor*  
11 *enrolled in an educational institution.*

12 *B. Local workforce development boards, in consultation with local chief elected officials; secondary*  
13 *and postsecondary education institutions, business leaders, and local community organizations, including*  
14 *youth organizations, shall develop focused strategies for engaging opportunity youth and placing them*  
15 *on pathways to education, training, and careers. The key focus of the strategy shall be actions that lead*  
16 *to retention, credential attainment, and gainful employment.*

17 *C. Each local workforce development board shall develop a strategic plan that includes performance*  
18 *measures for evaluating results of the implementation of the strategies developed pursuant to subsection*  
19 *B. The plan shall be submitted to the Governor's Chief Workforce Development Advisor annually on or*  
20 *before November 30.*

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