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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 217**
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations
4 on March 2, 2022)
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Simonds)
6 *A BILL to require the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority's Office of Education and*
7 *Labor Market Alignment to review federal occupational categories to determine certain deficiencies*
8 *and promote better alignment of education and workforce priorities relating to STEM and Computing*
9 *(STEM+C); report.*
10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
11 **1.** *§ 1. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority's Office of Education and Labor*
12 *Market Alignment (the Office) shall review the occupational categories in the U.S. Bureau of Labor*
13 *Statistics' standard occupational classification system to determine the occupational categories that are*
14 *not properly captured in the Commonwealth's existing STEM and Computing (STEM+C) workforce*
15 *profile and the gaps in the Commonwealth's tracking of careers in these occupational categories for the*
16 *purpose of furthering the Office's efforts to specifically align STEM+C workforce and education and*
17 *shall share its findings with the Virginia Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)*
18 *Education Advisory Board (the Board) established in Chapter 26 (§ 22.1-364 et seq.) of Title 22.1 of the*
19 *Code of Virginia for the purpose of better aligning K-16 education priorities and the Board's tracking*
20 *and coordination of STEM+C. In conducting such review, the Office shall focus on occupational*
21 *categories that are not currently tracked or categorized by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as*
22 *STEM+C career fields. The Office shall also submit its findings and any recommendations to the*
23 *General Assembly no later than October 1, 2022.*
24 **2. That the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating**
25 **the purposes of this act is included in a general appropriation act passed in 2022 by the General**
26 **Assembly that becomes law.**