

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Secretary of Education to convene a work group to review and develop a work plan*
3 *related to the Virginia Longitudinal Data System and the Virginia Workforce Data Trust; report.*

4 [H 1083]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1.** *§ 1. The Secretary of Education (the Secretary) shall convene a work group to review the current*
8 *capabilities and future needs of the Virginia Longitudinal Data System (the System) and the Virginia*
9 *Workforce Data Trust (the Trust) (collectively, the Databases) and, based on the results of such review,*
10 *develop a work plan for improving the System. The goal of such work shall be to provide a best-in-class*
11 *data analytics platform and to support evidence-based research and data-informed decision making by*
12 *policy makers in the Commonwealth through the maintenance of datasets and the creation of*
13 *public-facing dashboards regarding education, labor, and the workforce. The work group shall include a*
14 *representative from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), the Virginia Office of*
15 *Education Economics (VOEE), the Secretary of Labor, each of the participating agencies in the System,*
16 *the Chief Data Officer of the Commonwealth, and the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and*
17 *Health, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, and*
18 *the House Committee on Appropriations or their designees.*

19 *The work group's review shall consider a consolidation of or other improvements to the System and*
20 *the Trust, including (i) identification of the appropriate entity or entities to host the Databases and the*
21 *associated upfront and ongoing costs; (ii) the identification of any technology upgrades required for*
22 *interoperability and modernization; (iii) a plan for the governance of data sharing among partner*
23 *entities; (iv) opportunities and challenges related to accessing the System and Trust on the network of*
24 *the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA); (v) best practices related to data privacy and*
25 *data integrity; and (vi) any other issues identified by the work group as relevant to the review.*

26 *Based upon the results of the review and the identified capabilities and needs of the System, and*
27 *consistent with the goal of the work, the work group shall develop either a work plan for the proposed*
28 *consolidation of the Databases or for improved support of the System.*

29 *Such work plan shall include recommendations regarding (a) a projected timeline for completing*
30 *such consolidation or improved support; (b) the funds, staffing, and resources necessary to fully*
31 *administer and maintain the consolidation or improved support; (c) a formal governance structure for*
32 *the Databases; and (d) the appropriate entity to lead the implementation of the work plan.*

33 *SCHEV, VOEE, the Department of Labor, VITA, and all other state entities shall cooperate upon*
34 *request with the Secretary in executing the provisions of this act.*

35 *The Secretary shall deliver a report that includes a summary of the review and the proposed work*
36 *plan by November 1, 2024, to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and*
37 *Health, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, and*
38 *the House Committee on Appropriations.*

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