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HOUSE BILL NO. 471

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 23-218 and 40.1-118 of the Code of Virginia, relating to voluntary apprenticeship.

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Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 23-218 and 40.1-118 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 23-218. Plan for comprehensive community colleges; appropriations; tuition fees and charges; grants or contributions; apprenticeships.

(a) A. The Board is authorized and directed to prepare and administer a plan providing standards and policies for the establishment, development and administration of comprehensive community colleges under its authority. It shall determine the need for comprehensive community colleges, develop a statewide plan for their location and a time schedule for their establishment. In the development of such plan, a principal objective shall be to provide and maintain a system of comprehensive community colleges through which appropriate educational opportunities and programs to accomplish the purposes set forth in subdivision (a) of § 23-214 shall be made available throughout the Commonwealth. In providing these offerings, the Board shall recognize the need for excellence in all curricula and shall endeavor to establish and maintain standards appropriate to the various purposes the respective programs are designed to serve.

(b) B. The Board shall have the authority to control and expend funds appropriated by law, and to fix tuition fees and charges. The Board may exercise the powers conferred by Chapter 3 (§ 23-14 et seq.) of this title as any other educational institution as defined in § 23-14.

(c) C. The Board shall be authorized, with the approval of the Governor, to accept from any government or governmental department or agency or any public or private body or from any other source, grants or contributions of money or property which the Board may use for or in aid of any of its purposes.

D. The Board shall establish in collaboration with the governing bodies of public institutions of higher education and the Board of Education, as the case may be, policies governing apprenticeship programs. The Chancellor, with the approval of the Board for the Virginia Community College System, shall provide for the administration and supervision of related and supplemental instruction for apprentices, coordination of instruction with job experiences, and selection and training of teachers and coordinators for such instruction.

§ 40.1-118. Authority of Council.

The Council may:

(1) Determine standards for apprentice agreements, which standards shall not be lower than those prescribed by this chapter;

(2) Appoint the secretary of the Apprenticeship Council to act as secretary of each state joint apprenticeship committee;

(3) Approve, if in their opinion approval is for the best interest of the apprentice, any apprentice agreement which meets the standards established under this chapter;

(4) Terminate or cancel any apprentice agreement in accordance with the provisions of such agreement;

(5) Keep a record of apprentice agreements and their disposition;

(6) Issue certificates of journeymanship upon the completion of the apprenticeship;

(7) Perform such other duties as are necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter;

(8) Review decisions of local and state joint apprenticeship committees adjusting apprenticeship disputes pursuant to § 40.1-119 (3); and

(9) Initiate deregistration proceedings when the apprenticeship program is not conducted, operated and administered in accordance with the registered provisions except that deregistration proceedings for violation of equal opportunity requirements shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia State Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship; and.

(10) Establish policies governing the provision of related instruction through state and local public education agencies.

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