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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 562

House Amendments in [] — January 29, 1997

Requesting the State Board for Community Colleges to study the feasibility of establishing uniform fees for dual enrollment programs.

Patrons—Ruff, Albo, Bennett, Cooper, Councill, Dudley, Griffith, Tata and Wardrup

Referred to Committee on Education

WHEREAS, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) provides countless and invaluable educational opportunities for the citizens of the Commonwealth through its associate degree programs; general, transfer, and continuing education programs; and other educational services; and

WHEREAS, consistent with its authority to provide "diversified technical curricula" and other educational opportunities pursuant to § 23-214 of the Code of Virginia, the VCCS offers opportunities for high school students to participate in community college courses; and

WHEREAS, these dual enrollment programs allow high school students to receive high school and community college credit pursuant to an agreement between a high school or magnet school and a community college; and

WHEREAS, § 23-7.4:2 of the Code of Virginia empowers the State Board for Community Colleges to charge the same tuition as is charged to any person domiciled in Virginia to "any high school or magnet school student, not otherwise qualified for in-state tuition, who is enrolled in courses specifically designed as part of the high school or magnet school curriculum in a community college for which he may, upon successful completion, receive high school and community college credit pursuant to a dual enrollment agreement between the high school or magnet school and the community college"; and

WHEREAS, uniformity in fees charged for participation in dual enrollment programs [~~whether for in-state or nonresident students~~,] may enhance enrollments in these unique educational programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the State Board for Community Colleges be requested to study the feasibility of establishing uniform fees for dual enrollment programs. The State Board shall consider, among other things, current fees for dual enrollments [~~for resident and nonresident students~~; ,] dual enrollment practices in other states, and the financial and the policy implications of establishing uniform fees for such enrollments in the Commonwealth.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the State Board for this study, upon request.

The State Board shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1998 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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