

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-227.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to career and technical*
3 *education industry certifications.*

4 [H 1493]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 22.1-227.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 22.1-227.1. Career and technical education.

9 The Board of Education shall incorporate into career and technical education the Standards of
10 Learning for mathematics, science, English, and social studies, including history, and other subject areas
11 as may be appropriate. The Board may also authorize, in its regulations for accrediting public schools in
12 Virginia, the substitution of industry certification and state licensure examinations for Standards of
13 Learning assessments for the purpose of awarding verified units of credit for career and technical
14 education courses, where appropriate.

15 The Board shall also develop a plan for increasing the number of students receiving industry
16 certification and state licensure as part of their career and technical education. The plan shall include an
17 annual goal for school divisions. *Where there is an accepted national industry certification for career*
18 *and technical education instructional personnel and programs for automotive technology, such*
19 *certification shall be mandatory.*

20 With such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose, there shall be established, within the
21 Department of Education, a unit of specialists in career and technical education. The unit shall (i) assist
22 in developing and revising local career and technical curriculum to integrate the Standards of Learning,
23 (ii) provide professional development for career and technical instructional personnel to improve the
24 quality of career and technical education, (iii) conduct site visits to the schools providing career and
25 technical education, and (iv) seek the input of business and industry representatives regarding the content
26 and direction of career and technical education programs in the public schools of the Commonwealth.

27 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2012.**

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