

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1.1 of Title 23 a section numbered*  
3 *23-9.14:3, relating to interstate reciprocity agreements authorizing postsecondary distance education.*

4 [H 467]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1.1 of Title 23 a section numbered**  
8 **23-9.14:3 as follows:**

9 *§ 23-9.14:3. Distance learning reciprocity agreements; participation; Distance Learning Reciprocity*  
10 *Advisory Council.*

11 *A. The State Council of Higher Education may enter into interstate reciprocity agreements that*  
12 *authorize accredited degree-granting institutions of higher education located in the Commonwealth to*  
13 *offer postsecondary distance education. The State Council shall administer such agreements and shall*  
14 *approve or disapprove participation in such agreements by accredited degree-granting institutions of*  
15 *higher education located in the Commonwealth. Participation in the agreements shall be voluntary. The*  
16 *State Council shall establish the Distance Learning Reciprocity Advisory Council, which shall include*  
17 *representatives from each participating institution. The Advisory Council shall advise the State Council*  
18 *on the development of policies governing the terms of participation by eligible institutions, including the*  
19 *establishment of fees to be paid by participating institutions to cover direct and indirect administrative*  
20 *costs incurred by the State Council.*

21 *B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit accredited degree-granting institutions of*  
22 *higher education located in the Commonwealth that do not participate in any interstate reciprocity*  
23 *agreement entered into by the State Council of Higher Education from offering postsecondary distance*  
24 *education.*

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