

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2015 SESSION

CHAPTER 664

An Act to direct the Secretary of Education and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to develop a plan to establish an online cooperative degree program.

[H 2320]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§ 1. The Secretary of Education (Secretary) and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (Director), in consultation with each two-year or four-year public or private, nonprofit institution of higher education in the Commonwealth and the Virginia Community College System, shall develop a plan to establish and advertise a cooperative degree program whereby any undergraduate student enrolled at any two-year or four-year public or private, nonprofit institution of higher education in the Commonwealth may complete, through the use of online courses at any such institution, the course credit requirements to receive a degree at a tuition cost not to exceed \$4,000, or such cost that is achievable, per academic year.*

No later than October 1, 2016, the Secretary and the Director shall report to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Senate Committee on Education and Health on the progress made by the Secretary and Director toward developing a cooperative degree program plan pursuant to this act.