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SENATE BILL NO. 1024

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 23-218, 40.1-118, and 40.1-125 of the Code of Virginia, relating to apprenticeship-related instruction.

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 23-218, 40.1-118, and 40.1-125 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

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

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. The Board shall have the authority to control and expend funds appropriated by law, and to fix tuition fees and charges. The Board may establish policies and guidelines providing for reduced tuition rates at Virginia's community colleges for employees of the Virginia Community College System. 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. 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 policies to coordinate apprenticeship-related instruction delivered by state and local public education agencies. The Chancellor, with the approval of the State Board for Community Colleges, shall provide for the administration and supervision of related and supplemental instruction for apprentices.~~

§ 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. Review decisions of local joint apprenticeship committees relating to apprenticeship disputes pursuant to subdivision C 3 of § 40.1-119;

4. Perform such other duties as are necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter; and

5. Advise the ~~State Board for Community Colleges~~ *Commissioner* on policies to coordinate apprenticeship-related instruction delivered by state and local public education agencies.

§ 40.1-125. Commissioner to administer chapter.

A. The Commissioner, with the advice and guidance of the Council, shall be responsible for administering the provisions of this chapter.

B. The Commissioner shall:

1. Approve, if approval is in the best interests of the apprentice, any apprenticeship agreement that meets the standards established under this chapter;

2. Terminate or cancel any apprenticeship agreement in accordance with the provisions of such agreement;

3. Keep a record of apprenticeship agreements and their disposition;

4. Issue certificates of completion upon the completion of the apprenticeship;

5. Initiate deregistration proceedings when an apprenticeship program is not conducted, operated, and

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59 administered in accordance with the registered provisions, except that deregistration proceedings for
60 violation of equal opportunity requirements shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of the
61 Virginia State Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship; ~~and~~
62 6. *Establish policies governing the provision of apprenticeship-related instruction delivered by state*
63 *and local public education agencies and shall provide for the administration and supervision of related*
64 *and supplemental instruction for apprentices; and*
65 7. Perform such other duties as are necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter.