

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 23.1-907 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public institutions of higher*
 3 *education; guaranteed admissions agreements.*

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 5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 23.1-907 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 23.1-907. Articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements; admission of**
 9 **certain comprehensive community college graduates.**

10 A. The board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education shall develop,
 11 consistent with Council guidelines and the institution's six-year plan as set forth in § 23.1-306,
 12 articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements with each associate-degree-granting
 13 public institution of higher education. *Such guaranteed admissions agreements may provide for the*
 14 *guaranteed admission of a student who earns an associate degree concurrently with a high school*
 15 *diploma through a dual enrollment program, in addition to any guaranteed admission for a student who*
 16 *earns an associate degree post-high school.*

17 B. The Council and each public institution of higher education shall develop a passport credit
 18 program, including any necessary guidelines for such program. In developing the program, the Council
 19 and each public institution of higher education shall establish competencies and standards for each
 20 passport credit course. Any course that does not meet or exceed the standards developed under the
 21 program shall not be deemed a passport credit course. Such passport credit program shall require that it
 22 is the responsibility of the course provider to ensure that a passport credit course meets the standards of
 23 the program. Each passport credit course shall satisfy a lower division general education requirement at
 24 any public institution of higher education.

25 C. The Council and each public institution of higher education shall develop a one-year uniform
 26 certificate of general studies program as set forth in subdivision 20 of § 23.1-203. All credits earned in
 27 academic subject coursework by students attending an associate-degree-granting public institution of
 28 higher education who complete the one-year uniform certificate of general studies program are
 29 transferrable to a baccalaureate public institution of higher education in accordance with Council
 30 guidelines.

31 D. The Council shall prepare an annual report on the pertinent aspects of the pipeline of students
 32 transferring from comprehensive community colleges to baccalaureate public institutions of higher
 33 education.

34 E. The Council, consistent with its responsibility to facilitate the development of articulation, dual
 35 admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements set forth in §§ 23.1-203 and 23.1-908, shall develop
 36 guidelines for such agreements.

37 F. Each comprehensive community college shall develop agreements for postsecondary degree
 38 attainment with the public high schools in the school divisions that such comprehensive community
 39 college serves specifying the options for students to complete an associate degree or a one-year Uniform
 40 Certificate of General Studies concurrent with a high school diploma. Such agreements shall specify the
 41 credit available for dual enrollment courses and Advanced Placement courses with qualifying exam
 42 scores of three or higher.

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