

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Department of Education to develop a plan to adopt and implement standards for*
3 *microcredentials.*

4 [H 836]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *The Department of Education shall develop a plan to adopt and implement standards for*
8 *microcredentials used toward add-on endorsements and renewal of licenses earned by Virginia license*
9 *holders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Such plan shall include (i)*
10 *a process for reviewing and administering educator microcredentials; (ii) assurances that educator*
11 *microcredentials rely upon demonstrable evidence from the submission of artifacts, such as student*
12 *projects and teacher lesson plans, that are then objectively scored against existing rubrics; and (iii)*
13 *assurances that educator microcredentials focus on interrelated competencies leading to logical teacher*
14 *professional development pathways and stacks of educator microcredentials and align with the Board of*
15 *Education's ongoing work on educator professional development. Such plan shall also include the*
16 *resources needed for statewide implementation. The Department of Education shall complete and submit*
17 *the plan to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Education, the House Committee on*
18 *Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the Senate Committee on Finance*
19 *no later than December 1, 2020.*

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