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HOUSE BILL NO. 1933

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-339.14, relating to high school equivalency and employment tax credit.*

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Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-339.14 as follows:

§ 58.1-339.14. High school equivalency and employment tax credit.

A. For the purposes of this section, "eligible taxpayer" means an individual who has successfully earned a high school equivalency certificate, as described in § 22.1-254.2, and is employed full time within the Commonwealth within one year.

B. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2023, but before January 1, 2028, an eligible taxpayer shall be allowed a nonrefundable credit against the tax levied pursuant to § 58.1-320. The amount of the credit shall be \$1,000 per taxable year. This credit may be claimed for up to three years beginning in the year the individual becomes an eligible taxpayer. A taxpayer shall remain eligible provided that he remain employed full time in the Commonwealth. The maximum amount of credits available under this section for each fiscal year of the Commonwealth shall be limited to 250 individuals.

C. The amount of the credit that may be claimed in any single taxable year shall not exceed the eligible taxpayer's liability for taxes imposed by this chapter for that taxable year. If the amount of the credit allowed under this section exceeds the eligible taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year in which the credit was earned, the amount that exceeds the tax liability may be carried over for credit against the income taxes of the eligible taxpayer in the next five taxable years or until the total amount of the tax credit has been taken, whichever is sooner.

D. The Tax Commissioner shall develop guidelines for claiming the credit provided by this section. Such guidelines shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

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