

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Virginia Community College System to establish a standardized core curriculum*
3 *for all registered nursing (RN) degree or diploma programs in the Commonwealth, the Passport*
4 *Nursing Program.*

5 [S 1172]

6 Approved

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

8 1. § 1. *That the Virginia Community College System, in collaboration with the Board of Nursing, the*
9 *State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), and representatives from for-profit and private*
10 *not-for-profit institutions offering registered nursing (RN) degree or diploma programs, shall standardize*
11 *the core curriculum for all RN degree or diploma programs in the Commonwealth, including those*
12 *offered at hospitals and for-profit institutions, to be called the Passport Nursing Program, for which the*
13 *RN core curriculum is standardized in name, content, rigor, and credits such that all classes and credits*
14 *are stackable, transferrable, and universally accepted by all RN degree or diploma programs in the*
15 *Commonwealth.*

16 2. **That the Virginia Community College System, in collaboration with the Board of Nursing, the**
17 **State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), the Virginia Nurses Association, and**
18 **other relevant stakeholders, shall convene a work group, consisting of representatives from the**
19 **Virginia Community College System, SCHEV, the Board of Nursing, the Virginia Nurses**
20 **Association, for-profit and private not-for-profit institutions offering registered nursing (RN)**
21 **education and diploma programs, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA), and**
22 **Radford University's Nursing Competency Accelerated Pathway (NCAP) program, to develop a**
23 **system for the standardization of all RN education and diploma programs offered in the**
24 **Commonwealth, to be called the Passport Nursing Program. The work group shall (i) determine**
25 **what classes constitute and define the RN core curriculum and (ii) develop a system to standardize**
26 **the RN core curriculum in name, content, rigor, and credits, including the award of clinical**
27 **nursing credit hours, opportunity-based and competency-based learning pathways, and fully online**
28 **learning classes and programs, to ensure that all credits earned toward an RN degree or diploma**
29 **program are stackable, transferrable, and universally accepted across all such programs. The work**
30 **group shall submit its report to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Committee on**
31 **Education, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the Board of**
32 **Nursing no later than November 1, 2023.**

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