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## SENATE BILL NO. 1277

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-207.8, relating to high school students; academic credit for certain work experience and fine arts programs; guidelines.*

Patron—Dunnavant

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-207.8 as follows:

**§ 22.1-207.8. Academic credit for work experience; fine arts programs; guidelines.**

The Board shall develop guidelines and policies for permitting any high school student in grades 11 and 12 to earn one-half standard unit of credit per semester for employment in certain fields or industries or participation in certain community-based fine arts programs in which such student works or participates a certain minimum number of hours per week for each week of the semester, as determined by the Board. Such guidelines and policies shall include:

1. Standards and requirements for determining the eligibility of employment, employment programs, and community-based fine arts programs for awarding academic credit, including eligibility criteria and approval procedures for specific employers and programs;

2. Standards for how the one-half unit of credit is to be awarded and policies for monitoring and evaluating student participation in and completion of an approved employment program or fine arts program; and

3. Any other policies that the Board deems appropriate.

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