

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

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

4 [S 1277]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-207.8 as follows:**8 ***§ 22.1-207.8. Academic credit for work experience; fine arts programs; guidelines.***

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

14 *1. Standards and requirements for determining the eligibility of employment and fine arts programs*
15 *for awarding academic credit, including eligibility criteria and approval procedures for specific*
16 *employers and programs;*

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

19 *3. Any other policies that the Board deems appropriate.*

20 **2. That the Board of Education shall collaborate with and seek input from the Coordinator of**
21 **Fine Arts for the Department of Education and a representative from the Virginia Coalition for**
22 **Fine Arts Education in developing and implementing guidelines and policies for awarding**
23 **academic credit for participation in certain fine arts programs pursuant to this act.**

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