

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2024 SESSION

## CHAPTER 151

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 22.1 a chapter numbered 28, consisting of sections numbered 22.1-381, 22.1-382, and 22.1-383, relating to Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Computing (STEM+C) Competition Team Grant Program; established.*

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Approved March 26, 2024

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 22.1 a chapter numbered 28, consisting of sections numbered 22.1-381, 22.1-382, and 22.1-383, as follows:**

### **CHAPTER 28.**

### **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTING (STEM+C) COMPETITION TEAM GRANT PROGRAM.**

#### **§ 22.1-381. Definitions.**

*As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:*

*"Computing" means computer science, computational thinking, and computer coding.*

*"STEM+C" means science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computing.*

*"STEM+C competition team" means an extracurricular team-building activity that has a primary objective of engaging students in STEM+C-related activities and may include participating in project-based team competitions.*

#### **§ 22.1-382. STEM+C Competition Team Grant Program created; purpose.**

*The STEM+C Competition Team Grant Program is established to encourage interest in STEM+C-related subject areas and support STEM+C extracurricular team-building activities in public schools in the Commonwealth by providing grants for use in establishing or supporting STEM+C competition teams.*

#### **§ 22.1-383. Board to develop and issue grant guidelines; application; administration.**

*The Board shall develop and issue guidelines for the general requirements of qualifying for a grant and shall develop the grant application form. Such guidelines shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).*