

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to study the processes by which*
3 *each public institution of higher education determines eligibility for accommodations for students*
4 *with disabilities and to identify in such processes and make recommendations to reduce any barriers*
5 *to establishing eligibility.*

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7 Approved

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

9 1. § 1. *The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (the Council) shall, in consultation with*
10 *representatives of public institutions of higher education, disability advocacy organizations, students*
11 *enrolled at public institutions of higher education, higher education disability accommodation*
12 *professionals, and a subject matter expert to be selected by the Council, study the processes by which*
13 *each public institution of higher education determines the eligibility for accommodations of an admitted*
14 *or enrolled student with a temporary or permanent disability and identify in such processes and make*
15 *recommendations to reduce any barriers to establishing eligibility. In conducting its study, the Council*
16 *shall (i) evaluate the current processes used by such institutions for determining a student's eligibility*
17 *for accommodations, including any required documentation; (ii) identify any barriers students may face*
18 *in establishing eligibility for accommodations through such processes; (iii) identify any resources that*
19 *may be necessary for students to overcome such barriers in establishing eligibility for accommodations;*
20 *and (iv) make recommendations on (a) strategies for reducing any such barriers, including*
21 *recommendations for modifications to accommodations eligibility determination processes currently used*
22 *by such institutions, and (b) the development and establishment of a uniform accommodations eligibility*
23 *determination process for public institutions of higher education. The Council shall submit to the*
24 *Governor, the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Education, and the Chairmen*
25 *of the Senate Committees on Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health by October 1,*
26 *2024, a report on its findings and recommendations.*