

HOUSE BILL NO. 1277

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Freitas)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 23.1-904 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public institutions of higher education; academic credit; education, experience, training, and credentials in Armed Forces of the United States.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 23.1-904 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 23.1-904. Course credit; veterans; active duty military students.

A. The governing board of each public institution of higher education shall implement policies that provide students called to active military duty during an academic semester with the opportunity to earn full course credit. Such policies shall provide, as one option, that such students who have completed 75 percent of the course requirements at the time of activation and who meet other specified requirements receive full course credit.

B. The governing board of each public institution of higher education shall, in accordance with guidelines developed by the Council, implement policies for the purpose of awarding academic credit to students for ~~educational~~ education, experience, training, and credentials gained from service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

C. The governing board of each public institution of higher education shall, in accordance with guidelines developed by the Council, implement policies that recognize the scheduling difficulties and obligations encountered by active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. That the governing board of each public institution of higher education shall map the existing opportunities to earn education, experience, training, and credentials in the Armed Forces of the United States to the award of academic credit in its programs. The State Council of Higher

27 **Education shall update its guidelines developed pursuant to subsection B of § 23.1-904 of the Code**
28 **of Virginia, as amended by this act, no later than February 1, 2023, and the governing board of each**
29 **public institution of higher education shall update its policies implemented pursuant to subsection**
30 **B of § 23.1-904 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act, no later than the beginning of the**
31 **2023–2024 academic year.**

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