

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 984
 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
 3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Education
 4 on _____)
 5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Tran)

6 A BILL to require the Department of Education and the Virginia Community College System to convene
 7 a work group to provide recommendations on expanding the availability of Head Start programs
 8 at comprehensive community colleges.

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

10 1. § 1. The Department of Education and the Virginia Community College System, in partnership with
 11 the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education (the Commission) established pursuant to § 2.2-
 12 208.1 of the Code of Virginia, shall convene a stakeholder work group consisting of representatives of the
 13 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the State Board for Community Colleges, the Early
 14 Childhood Care and Education Advisory Committee established pursuant to § 22.1-289.04 of the Code of
 15 Virginia, the Virginia Head Start Association, and early childhood care and education programs and other
 16 relevant stakeholders to evaluate and provide recommendations on expanding the availability of Head
 17 Start programs at comprehensive community colleges and other public institutions of higher education.
 18 The work group shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Commission on Early
 19 Childhood Care and Education and to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health
 20 and the House Committee on Education by October 1, 2024. The Commission on Early Childhood Care
 21 and Education shall incorporate the work group's findings and recommendations into its annual report for
 22 2024, required pursuant to subdivision C 6 of § 2.2-208.1 of the Code of Virginia.

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