

HOUSE BILL NO. 718

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Commerce and Energy

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Filler-Corn)

A BILL to direct the Board of Workforce Development to prepare recommendations for creating a primary office for apprenticeship programs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Board of Workforce Development (the Board) shall collaborate with the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Education, and the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Education, and Labor and rely on data from the Office of Education and Labor Market Alignment in reviewing the performance of current apprenticeship programs in meeting high-demand industry needs. The Board shall prepare recommendations for creating a primary office for apprenticeship programs based on the review and on high-demand industry needs. The Board shall report the recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2022.

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