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HOUSE BILL NO. 1644

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Williams Graves)

A BILL to require the Department of Education to convene a stakeholder work group to consider and make recommendations on the employment of college and career specialists in public high schools; report.

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

1. § 1. The Department of Education shall convene a stakeholder work group consisting of representatives of school boards, high school counselors, high school administrators, parents of high school students, and such other representatives as it deems appropriate to consider and make recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2023, regarding the feasibility, benefits, costs, and other relevant considerations relating to requiring each local school board to employ in each public high school in the local school division, in addition to school counselors and other support services employees, an individual with the job title "college and career specialist" who has experience coordinating a college or job readiness program and supporting the work of school counselors and who should be accessible to meet with students and parents individually and in groups to assist with career planning and the college entry process, including the scholarship and the financial aid processes.

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