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SENATE BILL NO. 1019

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education

on February 13, 2023)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Edwards)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-225.1, relating to Department of Education; Virginia-based nonprofit organizations; schools for adults to earn credentials, college credit, and high school diplomas.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-225.1 as follows:

§ 22.1-225.1. Department; Virginia-based nonprofit organizations; schools for adults to earn credentials, college credit, and high school diplomas.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department shall authorize a Virginia-based nonprofit organization with demonstrated evidence of positive student outcomes to provide schools for adults to earn (i) (a) an industry-recognized credential awarded through a partnership with a Virginia-based community college or an approved training provider or (b) dual college credit awarded through a partnership with a Virginia-based community college and (ii) a high school diploma on one or more diploma pathways set forth in subdivision 3 of 8VAC20-30-20 in which enrollment is open, on a space-available basis, to adults who reside throughout the Commonwealth.

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