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

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

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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

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