

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1345

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Anthony

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** High school graduation requirements; satisfaction of elective course credits.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Education, in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System, Career and Technical Education Directors, and industry partners to develop and maintain a current, comprehensive, and uniform list of industry-recognized workforce credentials that students may take as a substitute for certain credits required for graduation, including industry-recognized workforce credentials that students may take as a substitute for elective credits and industry-recognized workforce credentials completed outside of regular school hours, and permits each school board to accept as a substitute for a required credit any credential listed as an accepted substitute for such required credit. The bill also requires any College and Career Access Pathways Partnership entered into between a school board and a comprehensive community college to specify, consistent with the list, industry-recognized credentials that are accepted as substitutes for certain credits required for high school graduation. Finally, the bill requires the Board, in establishing graduation requirements, to permit any student to substitute elective credits for completion of any industry-approved workforce credential that is included on the list as an accepted substitute for such credits.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education estimates that \$11,000 worth of staff time would be spent to establish and manage an advisory committee to establish the list of credentials, which the agency can absorb. It is anticipated that the Virginia Community College System can meet the requirements of this bill with existing resources. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Board of Education, Department of Education, Virginia Community College System, Local school divisions

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None