

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-204.3, relating to Virginia Student*  
3 *Training Employment Pipeline for U.S. Procurement (STEP UP) Program established.*

4 [H 2590]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**  
7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-204.3 as follows:**  
8 **§ 22.1-204.3. Virginia Student Training Employment Pipeline for U.S. Procurement (STEP UP)**  
9 **Program established.**

10 *The Department, in collaboration with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, shall establish*  
11 *and administer the Virginia Student Training Employment Pipeline for U.S. Procurement (STEP UP)*  
12 *Program (the Program) for the purpose of facilitating opportunities for any student enrolled in the eleventh*  
13 *or twelfth grade at a public high school in the Commonwealth or enrolled at a comprehensive community*  
14 *college or historically black college or university in the Commonwealth to enter into an agreement with an*  
15 *entity located in the relevant local school division or region that has a procurement contract with the federal*  
16 *government whereby such entity agrees to provide assistance to the student to obtain, prior to graduation,*  
17 *any federal security clearance at the public trust or national security level and any other education, training,*  
18 *or credential that is necessary for the student to be prepared for employment with such entity upon*  
19 *graduation in exchange for a commitment from the student to accept and remain in such an employment*  
20 *position for an agreed-upon period of time after graduation. The Department, in consultation with the*  
21 *Virginia Community College System and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, shall establish*  
22 *such rules, policies, processes, and procedures as it deems necessary for the proper administration of the*  
23 *Program, including those relating to the facilitation of participation in the Program by qualifying students*  
24 *and entities.*

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