

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to evaluate and make recommendations*  
3 *on exempting certain noncredit courses of instruction operated by private and out-of-state postsecondary*  
4 *institutions from requirements related to obtaining and maintaining certification to operate in the*  
5 *Commonwealth; report.*

6 [H 1995]

7 Approved

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

9 **1. § 1.** *That the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (the Council) shall evaluate and make*  
10 *recommendations on amending § 23.1-226 of the Code of Virginia relating to certain activities and*  
11 *programs offered by private and out-of-state postsecondary schools that are exempt from the requirements*  
12 *for obtaining and maintaining certification by the Council to operate in the Commonwealth set forth in*  
13 *Article 3 (§ 23.1-213 et seq.) of Chapter 2 of Title 23.1 of the Code of Virginia, to exempt noncredit courses*  
14 *of instruction offered by an entity or organization in accordance with the requirements of a nationally*  
15 *recognized certifying body, including certified Scrum courses and those intended solely to prepare students*  
16 *for certification as project management professionals, provided that no such exempted course of instruction*  
17 *shall exceed the number of hours required by the applicable certifying body. In conducting its evaluation,*  
18 *the Council shall (i) consider the potential benefits exempting such noncredit courses of instruction from*  
19 *such requirements; (ii) consider any unintended or negative consequences that may result from exempting*  
20 *such noncredit courses of instruction from such requirements; (iii) consider how other states certify,*  
21 *regulate, exempt from regulation or certification, or otherwise treat such noncredit courses of instruction;*  
22 *and (iv) make recommendations on whether the provisions of § 23.1-226 of the Code of Virginia should be*  
23 *amended to exempt such noncredit courses of instruction from such requirements or such requirements*  
24 *should otherwise be modified and, if so, on any considerations or concerns that should be taken into account*  
25 *in doing so. The Council shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committees on*  
26 *Finance and Appropriations and Education and Health and the House Committees on Appropriations and*  
27 *Education by November 1, 2025.*

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