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HOUSE BILL NO. 785

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-299.9, relating to teacher licensure; three-year license to teach career and technical education or dual enrollment courses at public high schools.

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Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-299.9 as follows:

§ 22.1-299.9. Three-year license to teach career and technical education or dual enrollment courses at public high schools.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Board shall provide for the issuance of a three-year license to teach solely career and technical education courses or dual enrollment courses at public high schools in the Commonwealth to any individual who (i) is employed as an instructor by an institution of higher education that is accredited by a nationally recognized regional accreditation body, (ii) is teaching in the specific career and technical education or dual enrollment subject area at such institution in which the individual seeks to teach at a public high school, and (iii) complies with the requirements set forth in subdivisions D 1 and 3 of § 22.1-298.1. The Board shall require any such instructor to maintain continuous employment in such position at the institution of higher education as a condition of continued licensure.

2. That the Board of Education shall amend subdivision A 13 of 8VAC20-23-50 of the Virginia Administrative Code in accordance with the provisions of this act.