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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1098**

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4 *A BILL to require the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to establish a work group to study the*  
5 *feasibility of the uniform acceptance of college credit earned through participation in certain volunteer or*  
6 *public service organizations; report.*

7 Patron—Singh

8 Committee Referral Pending

9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**10 **1. § 1. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shall establish a work group consisting of**  
11 **representatives of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth and such**  
12 **other stakeholders as it deems appropriate to study the feasibility of the uniform acceptance by each such**  
13 **institution of college credit earned through student participation in certain volunteer or public service**  
14 **organizations such as AmeriCorps. In conducting such study, the work group shall consider barriers to**  
15 **implementation, strategies for ensuring the rigor and quality of the service-learning opportunities for which**  
16 **credit would be granted, and innovative approaches in other states that could be emulated in the**  
17 **Commonwealth, such as California College Corps or similar state-sanctioned programs whereby students**  
18 **have access to a statewide program of service-learning opportunities through partnerships between**  
19 **campuses and community-based service organizations. The work group shall submit its findings to the**  
20 **Chairmen of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by**  
21 **November 1, 2026.**

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