

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Department of Education to consider certain changes to the application and eligibility*
3 *guidelines for STEM+C competition team grants.*

4 [S 105]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Education shall, prior to the 2026 application period for grants pursuant to*
8 *the STEM+C Competition Team Grant Program (the Program) established pursuant to Chapter 29*
9 *(§ 22.1-384 et seq.) of Title 22.1 of the Code of Virginia, consider making the following changes to the grant*
10 *application and eligibility guidelines:*

11 *1. Clarify that, in accordance with the provision of § 22.1-385 of the Code of Virginia that provides that*
12 *the purpose of the Program is to provide grants for use in establishing or supporting STEM+C competition*
13 *teams, grants may be awarded to establish new STEM+C competition teams or support existing STEM+C*
14 *competition teams; and*

15 *2. Provide that, in the event that grant applications exceed available funds, priority shall be given to*
16 *applications for the establishment of new STEM+C competition teams with demonstrated financial need.*