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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Sam Rasoul

Chair, House Committee on Education

The Honorable Ghazala F. Hashmi

Chair, Senate Committee on Education and Health

**FROM:** A. Scott Fleming

**DATE:** September 12, 2024

**SUBJECT:** 2024 Report on the implementation of dual enrollment course-credit policy

On behalf of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), I am pleased to submit the 2024 report on the implementation of the dual enrollment course-credit policy, further referred to as course-credit policy, at Virginia's public colleges and universities.

Code of Virginia §23.1-905.1 requires Council to submit an annual report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education and Health on the implementation of institutional course-credit policy for entering students who have successfully completed a dual enrollment course. The Virginia Public Higher Education Policy for Dual Enrollment Transferability was developed in consultation with SCHEV, the Virginia Community College System, the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, the Virginia Department of Education, and representatives from each of Virginia's public four-year institutions.

Council approved the policy on January 15, 2019. The policy defines dual enrollment; provides a statement of purpose for dual enrollment; discusses mutual responsibility for accurate information; discusses parallel transferability of dual enrollment coursework; outlines quality standards; and discusses state-level oversight and communication. At the core of the policy is the Principle of Parallel Transferability, which states:

"For purposes of transfer, dual enrollment courses shall be treated in parallel with the same course when taken on campus—i.e., dual enrollment status per se shall not affect transferability, or the satisfaction of specific academic requirements. Any exceptions to the principle of parallel transferability shall be based on data regarding student success and shall be clearly communicated in all relevant informational materials."

I am pleased to report that since Council's adoption of the policy, all public institutions except VMI, which is exempt per Code of Virginia, have adopted course-credit practices that comply with the provisions of SCHEV's policy. The policy in its entirety can be found at

https://www.schev.edu/home/showpublisheddocument/1622/637826049561400000.

We look forward to working with you in the future on these and other high priority issues for Virginia higher education. Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or comments regarding this report or any other higher education matters.

Sincerely,

A. Scott Fleming Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

c. The Honorable Aimee Guidera, Secretary of Education