



Bill of the Week - 1/20/26

HB 85

State Council of Higher Education; Virginia-specific postsecondary transition counselor certificate program; development and establishment.

Bill Status

In Committee:

House
Education

Key Points

- Requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to collaborate to develop a Virginia-specific postsecondary transition counselor certificate program within education preparation programs.
- In 2025, the Board released an assessment on pre-employment transition services which can be found on [our website](#).
- The assessment determined that there is a need for a trained, full-time transition coordinator in every high school.
- This legislation is in line with the spirit of the recommendations made in the Board's assessment.

Impact on Virginians

Trained transition coordinators assist students with disabilities and their families in developing meaningful, individualized transition plans including post-secondary education, employment, and independent living goals.

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