



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.

### Bill Sponsor

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