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CHAPTER 9.

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ACADEMIC POLICIES.

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Drafting note: Provisions in existing Chapters 1 and 1.1 relating to academic policies that apply to certain institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth are consolidated in proposed Chapter 9, and technical changes are made.

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Article 1.

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General Provisions.

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Drafting note: Provisions in existing Chapter 1 relating to academic policies in general are consolidated in proposed Article 1 of Chapter 9, and technical changes are made.

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§ ~~23-9.2-18~~ 23.1-900. Academic transcripts; suspension, permanent dismissal, or withdrawal from institution.

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A. As used in this section, "sexual violence" means physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person's will or against a person incapable of giving consent.

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B. The registrar of each (i) private institution of higher education that is eligible to participate in the Tuition Assistance Grant Program or to receive project financing from the Virginia College Building Authority pursuant to ~~the Educational Facilities Authority Act of 1972~~ Article 2 (§ ~~23-30-39~~ 23.1-12xx et seq.) of Chapter 12 and (ii) public institution of higher education, or the other employee, office, or department of the institution that is responsible for maintaining student academic records, shall include a prominent notation on the academic transcript of each student who has been suspended for, has been permanently dismissed for, or withdraws from the institution while under investigation for an offense involving sexual violence under the institution's code, rules, or set of standards governing student conduct stating that such student was suspended for, was permanently dismissed for, or withdrew from the institution while under investigation for an offense involving sexual violence under the institution's code, rules, or set of standards. Such notation shall be substantially in the following form: "[Suspended, Dismissed, or Withdrew while under investigation] for a violation of [insert

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590 name of institution's code, rules, or set of standards]." Each such institution shall (a) notify each
591 student that any such suspension, permanent dismissal, or withdrawal will be documented on the
592 student's academic transcript and (b) adopt a procedure for removing such notation from the
593 academic transcript of any student who is subsequently found not to have committed an offense
594 involving sexual violence under the institution's code, rules, or set of standards governing
595 student conduct. ~~For purposes of this section, "sexual violence" means physical sexual acts~~
596 ~~perpetrated against a person's will or against a person incapable of giving consent.~~

597 ~~B. C.~~ The institution shall remove from a student's academic transcript any notation
598 placed on such transcript pursuant to subsection ~~A. B~~ due to such student's suspension if the
599 student (i) completed the term ~~and any conditions~~ of the suspension ~~and any conditions thereof~~
600 and (ii) has been determined by the institution to be in good standing according to the
601 institution's code, rules, or set of standards governing such a determination.

602 ~~C. D.~~ The provisions of this section shall apply only to a student who is taking or has
603 taken a course at a campus of a public institution of higher education or private institution of
604 higher education ~~located in the Commonwealth described in subsection B~~; however, the
605 provisions of this section shall not apply to any public institution of higher education established
606 pursuant to Chapter ~~10.25~~ (§ ~~23-92~~ 23.1-2500 et seq.).

607 **Drafting note: Technical changes are made, including moving the definition of**
608 **"sexual violence" to the beginning of this proposed section.**

609 Article 2.

610 Programs of Instruction.

611 **Drafting note: Academic policy provisions of existing Chapter 1 relating to**
612 **programs of instruction are consolidated in proposed Article 2 of Chapter 9, and technical**
613 **changes are made.**

614 § ~~23-9.2:3.5~~ 23.1-901. ~~Education programs~~ Programs on ~~economic~~ economics education
615 and financial literacy.

616 ~~Virginia public colleges and universities~~ A. Public institutions of higher education shall
617 ~~make provisions for the promotion of the development of~~ promote the development of student
618 life skills ~~through the inclusion of~~ by including the principles of economics education and
619 financial literacy within an existing general education course, the freshman orientation process,
620 or ~~other~~ another appropriate venue. ~~These~~ Such principles may include, ~~but need not be limited~~
621 ~~to,~~ instruction concerning personal finance, such as credit card use, opening and managing an
622 account in a financial institution, completing a loan application, managing student loans, savings
623 and investments, consumer rights and responsibilities, predatory lending practices and interest
624 rates, consumer fraud, identity theft and protection, and debt management.

625 B. ~~The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia~~ shall ~~also~~ encourage private
626 ~~colleges and universities~~ institutions of higher education to include such principles as part of
627 their student orientation programs.

628 **Drafting note: Technical changes are made, including removing "but need not be**
629 **limited to" when used in conjunction with "includes" in subsection A on the basis of § 1-**
630 **218, which states, "'Includes' means includes, but not limited to."**

631 § ~~23-9.2:3-6~~ 23.1-902. Education preparation programs offered by institutions of higher
632 education.

633 A. Education preparation programs offered by public institutions of higher education and
634 private institutions of higher education shall be required to meet the requirements for
635 accreditation and program approval as prescribed by the Board of Education in its regulations.

636 B. As provided in § 22.1-298.2, the Board of Education shall prescribe an assessment of
637 basic skills for individuals seeking entry into an approved education preparation program and
638 shall establish a minimum passing score for such assessment. The Board ~~also~~ of Education may
639 prescribe in its regulations other requirements for admission to ~~Virginia's~~ approved education
640 preparation programs ~~in its regulations in the Commonwealth~~.

641 C. ~~Candidates~~ Any candidate who ~~fail~~ fails to achieve the minimum score established by
642 the Board of Education may be denied entrance into ~~the relevant~~ an education preparation

643 program on the basis of such failure; ~~however, if enrolled in the program, they, but any such~~
644 ~~candidate who gains entrance and enrolls in an education preparation program~~ shall have the
645 opportunity to address ~~any~~ all deficiencies.

646 **Drafting note: Technical changes.**

647 § ~~23-9.2:7~~ 23.1-903. Distance learning.

648 ~~Effective January 1, 2005, each~~ Each public institution of higher education shall include
649 in its strategic plan information indicating to what extent, if any, it will use distance learning to
650 expand access to, improve the quality of, and minimize the cost of education at such institution.
651 For institutions ~~using that use distance learning~~ or ~~planning plan~~ to use distance learning in the
652 future, such information shall include the degree to which distance learning will be integrated
653 into the curriculum, benchmarks for measuring such integration, and a schedule for the
654 evaluation of ~~such~~ distance learning courses.

655 The ~~State~~ Council shall assist the governing ~~boards~~ board of each public institution of
656 higher education in the development of such information.

657 **Drafting note: The January 1, 2005, effective date is stricken as obsolete. Technical**
658 **changes are made.**

659 Article 3.

660 Course Credit.

661 **Drafting note: Academic policy provisions of existing Chapter 1 relating to course**
662 **credit are consolidated in proposed Article 3 of Chapter 9, and technical changes are**
663 **made.**

664 § ~~23-9.2:3.7~~ 23.1-904. Course credit; veterans; active duty military students.

665 A. The governing ~~boards~~ board of each public institution of higher education shall
666 implement policies that provide students called to active military duty during an academic
667 semester with the opportunity to earn full course credit. Such policies shall ~~include~~ provide, as
668 one option, that such students who have completed 75 percent of the course requirements at the
669 time of activation and who meet other specified requirements receive full course credit.

670 B. The governing ~~boards~~ board of each public institution of higher education shall, in
671 accordance with guidelines developed by the ~~State Council of Higher Education for Virginia~~,
672 implement policies for the purpose of awarding academic credit to students for educational
673 experience gained from service in the armed forces of the United States.

674 C. The governing ~~boards~~ board of each public institution of higher education shall, in
675 accordance with guidelines developed by the ~~State Council of Higher Education for Virginia~~,
676 implement policies that recognize the scheduling difficulties and obligations encountered by
677 active duty members of the armed forces of the United States ~~armed forces~~.

678 **Drafting note: Technical changes.**

679 ~~§ 23-9.2-3.8.~~

680 **Drafting note: Repealed by Acts 2015, c. 578, effective July 1, 2016.**

681 ~~§ 23-9.2-3.9~~ 23.1-905. Academic credit for American Sign Language.

682 ~~Aademic~~ Each public institution of higher education shall count credit received for
683 successful completion of American Sign Language courses either in a secondary school or
684 another institution of higher education ~~institution shall be counted~~ toward satisfaction of the
685 foreign language entrance requirements of ~~a~~ the public institution of higher education.

686 **Drafting note: Technical changes.**

687 ~~§ 23-9.2-3.10~~ 23.1-906. (Effective July 1, 2016) Course credit; Advanced Placement,
688 Cambridge Advanced, College-Level Examination Program, and International Baccalaureate
689 examinations.

690 A. The ~~State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (Council)~~, in consultation with
691 the governing board of each public institution of higher education, shall establish a policy for
692 granting undergraduate course credit to entering freshman students who have taken one or more
693 Advanced Placement, Cambridge Advanced (A/AS), College-Level Examination Program
694 (CLEP), or International Baccalaureate examinations. The policy shall:

695 1. Outline the conditions necessary for each public institution of higher education to
696 grant course credit, including the minimum required scores on such examinations;

697 2. Identify ~~each public institution of higher education's~~ the course credit or other
698 academic requirements of each public institution of higher education that the student satisfies by
699 achieving the minimum required scores on such examinations; and

700 3. Ensure, to the extent possible, that the grant of course credit is consistent across each
701 public institution of higher education and each such examination.

702 B. The Council and each public institution of higher education shall make the policy
703 available to the public on its website.

704 **Drafting note: Existing § 23-9.2:3.10 was enacted by Chapter 578 of the Acts of**
705 **Assembly of 2015 to become effective July 1, 2016. Technical changes are made.**

706 **Note to drafters: Remove effective date in final bill.**

707 Article 4.

708 Articulation, Transfer, and Dual Enrollment.

709 **Drafting note: Academic policy provisions of existing Chapters 1 and 1.1 relating to**
710 **articulation, transfer, and dual enrollment are consolidated in proposed Article 4 of**
711 **Chapter 9, and technical changes are made.**

712 § ~~23-9.2:3.02~~ 23.1-907. Articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions
713 agreements; admission of certain community college graduates.

714 A. The governing board of each ~~four-year baccalaureate~~ public institution of higher
715 education shall develop, consistent with ~~the State Council of Higher Education Guidelines~~
716 guidelines and the institution's six-year plan as set forth in § ~~23-38.87:17~~ 23.1-306, articulation,
717 dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements with ~~all institutions within the Virginia~~
718 Community College System and any two-year public institution of higher education Richard
719 Bland College and all comprehensive community colleges.

720 B. ~~A Uniform Certificate of General Studies shall be developed by the State~~ The Council
721 of Higher Education, the Virginia Community College System, and the each public institutions
722 institution of higher education shall develop a one-year uniform certificate of general studies
723 program as set forth in subdivision 20 of § ~~23-9.6:1~~ 23.1-203. All credits earned in academic

724 subject coursework by students attending ~~a two-year college~~ an associate-granting public
725 institution of higher education who complete ~~an approved the~~ one-year uniform certificate of
726 general studies program shall be transferrable to a ~~four-year~~ baccalaureate public institution of
727 higher education in accordance with Council guidelines.

728 C. The ~~State Council of Higher Education for Virginia~~ shall prepare an annual report on
729 the pertinent aspects of the pipeline of students transferring from ~~institutions within the Virginia~~
730 Community College System comprehensive community colleges to ~~four-year~~ baccalaureate
731 public institutions of higher education.

732 D. The ~~State Council of Higher Education~~, consistent with its responsibility to facilitate
733 the development of articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements set
734 forth in §§ ~~23-9.6:1~~ 23.1-203 and ~~23-9.14:2~~ 23.1-908, shall develop guidelines for such
735 agreements.

736 E. Each ~~institution within the Virginia Community College System~~ comprehensive
737 community college shall develop agreements for postsecondary degree attainment with the
738 public high schools in the school divisions that ~~they serve; such comprehensive community~~
739 college serves specifying the options for students to complete an associate's degree or a one-year
740 Uniform Certificate of General Studies concurrent with a high school diploma. Such agreements
741 shall specify the credit available for dual enrollment courses and Advanced Placement courses
742 with qualifying exam scores of three or higher. ~~Agreements shall be submitted by the~~
743 ~~institutions to the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System and the~~
744 ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction by April 15, 2013.~~

745 **Drafting note: A 2013 deadline for submission of agreements in subsection E is**
746 **stricken as obsolete. Technical changes are made, including replacing "institutions within**
747 **the Virginia Community Colleges System" with "comprehensive community colleges," a**
748 **term that has the same meaning and is defined title-wide in proposed § 23.1-100.**

749 § ~~23-9.14:2~~ 23.1-908. State Transfer Tool.

750 A. The Council shall develop, in cooperation with ~~the each~~ public ~~two-year and four-~~
751 ~~year institutions~~ institution of higher education, a State Transfer Tool that designates ~~those each~~
752 general education ~~courses~~ course that ~~are~~ is offered ~~within various in an~~ associate degree
753 ~~programs~~ program at ~~the an associate-granting~~ public ~~two-year institutions that are~~ institution of
754 higher education and transferable for course credit to ~~the a baccalaureate~~ public ~~four-year~~
755 ~~institutions~~ institution of higher education.

756 In developing the State Transfer Tool, the Council shall also seek the participation of
757 private institutions of higher education ~~in the Commonwealth~~.

758 B. The Council shall develop guidelines to govern the development and implementation
759 of articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements between ~~the~~
760 Commonwealth's public two-year associate-granting public institutions of higher education and
761 ~~four-year baccalaureate public~~ institutions of higher education. Dual admissions agreements
762 shall set forth (i) the obligations of ~~the students each student~~ accepted ~~in to~~ such ~~programs a~~
763 program, including grade point average requirements, acceptable associate degree majors, and
764 completion timetables, and (ii) the ~~student's extent to which each student accepted to such a~~
765 program may access ~~to~~ the privileges of enrollment ~~in at~~ both institutions ~~during the time while~~
766 he is enrolled ~~in at~~ either institution. Such agreements shall be subject to the admissions
767 requirements of the ~~four-year baccalaureate public~~ institutions of higher education.

768 C. The Council shall develop and make available to the public information identifying
769 all general education courses offered at associate-granting public ~~two-year~~ institutions of higher
770 education and designating those that are ~~accepted for purposes of transfer~~ transferable for course
771 credit at ~~four-year baccalaureate~~ public institutions of higher education and baccalaureate
772 private institutions of higher education ~~in Virginia~~.

773 **Drafting note: Technical changes.**

774 § 23-8.

775 **Drafting note: Repealed by Acts 2014, c. 6.**

776 § 23-9.2:3.4.

777 **Drafting note: Repealed by Acts 2006, cc. 27 and 349, cl. 2.**

778 [§ 23-9.2:6.](#)

779 **Drafting note: Repealed by Acts 1990, c. 800.**

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