

SUMMARY

Open education resource centers; pilot project. Requires the State Board for Community Colleges, in consultation with the Virginia Department of Education and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, to develop a competitive grant pilot program to provide grants to community colleges to establish open education resource centers in the Commonwealth. To qualify for a grant, community colleges shall be required to demonstrate a partnership with faculty or staff from at least one local school division and one institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. Grants would be awarded on a competitive basis with guidelines established in the bill. Funding for the grant program and pilot project would be contingent on an appropriation of general funds included in a general appropriations act passed by the 2009 Session of the General Assembly, which becomes law.