House Bill 996
VA - 2026

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION REHABILITATION TRANSITION (PERT)

WHAT IS HB996?

Expands Virginia's transition infrastructure to increase the number of students assisted in the transition from high school to postsecondary pathways.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Requires the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), in collaboration with Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), to develop a plan to expand the PERT Program.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Promotes successful transition after high school
- Expands access to education, employment, and independent living
- Builds greater independence and self-advocacy

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- Equip Community Services Boards to support transition from high school
- Publish online transition resources
- Develop an online dashboard with postsecondary education program options

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

PADLET

- Virginia DARS **Pre-Employment Transition Services**
- Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center **Postsecondary Education Rehabilitation Transition Program**

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