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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
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Regulation title(s)	New Economy Workforce Credential Grant Program Regulations
Action title	Creation of regulations
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Brief summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

These regulations are being created in support of §§ 23.1-627.1 through 23.1-627.7 of the Code of Virginia for the implementation and administration of an aid program for students pursuing workforce credentials. The regulations provide the purpose of the program, define terms in the regulations and administration of the program, outline responsibilities of the administering agencies, provides awarding criteria, and stipulates reporting requirements.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.

On September 20, 2016, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approved the New Economy Workforce Credential Grant Program Regulations.

Family impact

Please assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

These regulations support Virginia's workforce by enhancing education access and attainment. Obtaining a workforce credential provides increased opportunities for students and their families.