

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding the following Code section:**

54.1-406.1 Alternative to education requirement for licensure for architects.

A. The Board shall adopt regulations establishing work and education experience equivalencies that shall provide an alternative to the requirement for a NAAB-accredited degree. In establishing an alternative pathway to a NAAB-accredited degree, the Board shall require a minimum of ten years of qualifying work, education, or combination of work and education, experience.

B. In establishing qualifying work and education experience, the Board shall also adopt regulations establishing a credit system to account for varying degrees of work and educational experience and such credit system shall be based on the applicability of such education or work experience to the practice of architecture.

C. The Board shall develop requirements for applicants seeking licensure to certify work and education experience on an annual basis. Applicants seeking licensure certifying work experience shall be under the direct supervision of a licensed architect and comply with any additional reporting requirements developed by the Board.

**2. That notwithstanding any annual reporting requirement developed by the Board, the Board shall evaluate any past education and work experience of any applicant in meeting the requirements of the first enactment of this Act.**

**3. The second enactment of this Act shall expire on June 30, 2028.**