Extend Age Requirement Flexibility to DOE-Approved CTE Work-Based Learning (WBL) Experiences

Current Reality: The 2025 General Assembly unanimously passed HB1667 and SB1228, granting access to Work-Based Learning (WBL) opportunities to students 16 years of age or older to serve in a licensed barbershop or cosmetology salon, provided that the student is an apprentice, employed in a work-training program as provided by relevant law and in accordance with relevant regulations, or has obtained the industry credential. The 2026 General Assembly passed HB275 and SB10, extending this flexibility to culinary and information technology programs.

Legislative Recommendation: RCPS urges the General Assembly to extend this flexibility to other Work-Based Learning (WBL) experiences in approved Virginia Department of Education Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Areas.