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HOUSE BILL NO. 980

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-7.4:5, relating to waivers of tuition and fees for certain individuals.

Patrons—Darner and May; Senator: Mims

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-7.4:5 as follows:

§ 23-7.4:5. Waiver of tuition and fees for certain individuals.

A. The payment of tuition or fees, except fees established for the purpose of paying for course materials, such as laboratory fees, shall be waived for a person who is a bona fide domiciliary of Virginia, as defined in § 23-7.4, and who:

1. Has received a high school diploma or a general educational development (GED) certificate and was in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services at the time such diploma or certificate was awarded;

2. Is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as a full-time student in a degree or certificate program of at least one academic year in length in a public two-year institution of higher education in the Commonwealth;

3. Has not been enrolled in postsecondary education as a full-time student for more than five years;

4. Maintains the required grade point average established by the State Board for Community Colleges;

5. Has submitted applications for federal student financial aid programs for which he may be eligible; and

6. Meets any additional financial need requirements established by the State Board for Community Colleges for the purposes of such waiver.

B. The State Board for Community Colleges, in consultation with the State Council of Higher Education and the Department of Social Services, shall establish regulations governing such waivers. The regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to, provisions addressing renewals of waivers; financial need; the calculation of waiver amounts, after consideration of any additional financial resources or aid the student may hold; the grade point average required to retain such waiver; and procedures for the repayment of tuition and fees for failure to meet the requirements imposed by this section.

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