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**HOUSE BILL NO. 980**

House Amendments in [ ] — February 12, 2000

A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-7.4:5, relating to [ ~~waivers of~~  
grants for ] 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 Grant for~~ ] 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~~ provided ] 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 [ or is considered a special needs adoption ] 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~~ grant ] .

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~~ grants ] . The regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to, provisions addressing renewals of [ ~~waivers~~ grants ] ; financial need; the calculation of [ ~~waiver~~ grant ] amounts, after consideration of any additional financial resources or aid the student may hold; the grade point average required to retain such [ ~~waiver~~ grant ] ; and procedures for the repayment of tuition and fees for failure to meet the requirements imposed by this section.

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