

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 23-38.53:6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Guaranteed*
3 *Assistance Program.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 23-38.53:6 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 23-38.53:6. Eligible students; criteria for awarding grants; renewals.

9 A. Only students who (i) are domiciled residents of Virginia as defined by § 23-7.4, ~~(ii)~~ and who are
10 graduates of a high school in the Commonwealth with a cumulative secondary school grade point
11 average of at least 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 or its equivalent, or (ii) are dependent children of active duty
12 military personnel residing outside the Commonwealth pursuant to military orders and claiming Virginia
13 on their State of Legal Residence Certificate and satisfying the domicile requirements for such active
14 duty military personnel pursuant to subsection B of § 23-7.4, and who are graduates of a high school
15 inside or outside the Commonwealth with a cumulative secondary school grade point average of at least
16 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 or its equivalent, and who (iii) are accepted for enrollment as dependent students
17 in any public institution of higher education in Virginia, and (iv) are not receiving state discretionary aid
18 and demonstrate financial need as defined by the State Council of Higher Education shall be eligible to
19 receive such awards.

20 B. The amount of the Guaranteed Assistance Program grant awarded students shall be determined
21 annually by the State Council of Higher Education. Eligibility for such awards shall be determined
22 according to the Congressional methodology for determining financial need and eligibility for financial
23 aid.

24 C. All grants shall be awarded for one year, but may be renewed annually for no more than three
25 subsequent years of study if the recipient:

26 1. Maintains at least a 2.0 grade point average on a scale of 4.0 or its equivalent;

27 2. Demonstrates continued financial need;

28 3. Makes satisfactory academic progress toward a degree, earning not less than the minimum number
29 of hours of credit required for full-time standing in each academic period during enrollment at a public
30 institution of higher education in Virginia; and

31 4. Maintains continuous enrollment for not less than two semesters or three quarters in each
32 successive academic year, unless granted an exception for cause by the State Council of Higher
33 Education.

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