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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-4.3:2, relating to policies 3 addressing student loan vendors.

4 5 Approved 6 7 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 8 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-4.3:2 as follows: 9 § 23-4.3:2. Policies addressing student loan vendors. 10 A. No employee at a Virginia public institution of higher education shall demand or receive any payment, loan, advance, deposit of money, services or anything, present or promised, as an inducement 11 12 for promoting any student loan vendor. 13 B. No public institution of higher education shall enter into any agreement with any student loan 14 vendor that states or implies an exclusive relationship between the school and vendor regarding student 15 loans. 16 C. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, with the advice and input of the governing 17 boards of each public institution of higher education, shall develop policies and procedures for disclosing certain information to students on student lending practices. This information shall include (i) 18

19 the criteria used to determine which lenders, if any, are recommended or endorsed by the school, or

20 included on a preferred lender list made available to students, and (ii) explicit notification that students are free to borrow from any lender of their choosing and are not limited to any lender or lenders 21 22 suggested by the school.

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