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SENATE BILL NO. 1547

Offered February 4, 2009

A BILL to amend and reenact § 23-7.1:02 of the Code of Virginia, relating to eligibility for state financial aid programs.

Patron—Cuccinelli

Unanimous consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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

**1. That § 23-7.1:02 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 23-7.1:02. Participation in or eligibility for state-supported financial aid programs.

A. Participation in and eligibility for state-supported financial aid or other higher education programs designed to promote greater racial diversity in state-supported institutions of higher education shall not be restricted on the basis of race or ethnic origin and any person who is a member of any federally recognized minority shall be eligible for and may participate in such programs, if all other qualifications for admission to the relevant institution and the specific program are met.

B. Persons who have successfully completed an approved program of home school instruction in accordance with § 22.1-254.1 and persons who have been excused from school attendance pursuant to subsection B of § 22.1-254 shall be eligible to participate in and shall be eligible for any state-supported financial aid or other higher education programs.

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