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SENATE BILL NO. 1344

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on January 28, 2013)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Petersen)

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-2.1:3, relating to communications between public universities of higher education and accrediting agencies.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-2.1:3 as follows:

§23-2.1:3. Accrediting agencies; certification.

Any communication between a public university of higher education in the Commonwealth and any national or regional accrediting agency is a public record as defined in §2.2-3701 and is subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.). Further, an accrediting agency shall be deemed to be a public body and subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to the extent records of the accrediting agency relate to communications between a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth and the accrediting agency.

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