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HOUSE BILL NO. 1191

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23.1-506.1, relating to eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals who have applied for asylum.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23.1-506.1 as follows:****§ 23.1-506.1. Eligibility for in-state tuition; certain individuals who have applied for asylum.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any individual is eligible for in-state tuition if he (i) attended a public or private high school in the Commonwealth for at least three years; (ii) graduated from a public or private high school in the Commonwealth or passed a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education; (iii) registers as an entering student or is enrolled in a public institution of higher education; (iv) provides an affidavit to the public institution of higher education at which he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled stating that he has filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services an application for asylum; and (v) submits evidence to the institution at which he has registered as an entering student or is enrolled that he, or in the case of a dependent student, at least one parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, has filed, unless exempted by state law, Virginia income tax returns for at least three years prior to the date of registration as an entering student or enrollment. Such individual shall remain eligible for in-state tuition for as long as he maintains continuous enrollment in the public institution of higher education and his application for asylum has not been denied.

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