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SENATE BILL NO. 918

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on February 8, 2018)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Ebbin)

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-292.3 and by adding a section numbered 54.1-104.1 and to repeal § 54.1-2400.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to professional and occupational regulation; authority to suspend or revoke certain licenses, certificates, registrations, or permits solely on the basis of default or delinquency in payment of an education loan or scholarship.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-292.3 and by adding a section numbered 54.1-104.1 as follows:

§ 22.1-292.3. License may not be suspended solely on the basis of default or delinquency in payment of federal-guaranteed or state-guaranteed education loan or scholarship.

The Board shall not be authorized to suspend or revoke the administrative or teaching license it has issued to any person who is in default or delinquent in the payment of a federal-guaranteed or state-guaranteed educational loan or work-conditional scholarship solely on the basis of such default or delinquency.

§ 54.1-104.1. License, certificate, registration, permit, or authority may not be suspended or revoked solely on the basis of default or delinquency in payment of federal-guaranteed or state-guaranteed education loan or scholarship.

The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Department of Health Professions, and the Board of Accountancy shall not be authorized to suspend or revoke the license, certificate, registration, permit, or authority it has issued to any person who is in default or delinquent in the payment of a federal-guaranteed or state-guaranteed educational loan or work-conditional scholarship solely on the basis of such default or delinquency.

2. That § 54.1-2400.5 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.