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**SENATE BILL NO. 99**

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23.1-407.1, relating to public institutions of higher education; admissions applications; criminal history.*

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23.1-407.1 as follows:**

**§ 23.1-407.1. Admissions applications; criminal history.**

*A. No public institution of higher education shall (i) utilize an institution-specific admissions application that contains questions about the criminal history of the applicant; (ii) deny admission to any applicant on the basis of any criminal history information provided by the applicant on any third-party admissions application accepted by the institution; or (iii) otherwise inquire about the criminal history of an applicant for admission prior to the applicant receiving a conditional offer of acceptance from the institution.*

*B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a public institution of higher education from inquiring into the criminal history of any individual who is admitted to or enrolled at the institution.*

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