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HOUSE BILL NO. 1975

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23.1-610.2, relating to public institutions of higher education; tuition and mandatory fee waivers; survivors of criminal sexual assault and certain other sex crimes.*

Patron—Rush (By Request)

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23.1-610.2 as follows:

§ 23.1-610.2. *Survivors of criminal sexual assault and certain other sex crimes; tuition and mandatory fee waivers; counseling.*

A. *Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an individual shall be eligible for counseling at no cost and a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at any public institution of higher education if, when such individual was under the age of 18 and a resident of the Commonwealth, he became the victim of criminal sexual assault as set forth in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, sex trafficking as defined in 22 U.S.C. § 7102, or child pornography as set forth in 18.2-374.1, as evidenced by the conviction of the perpetrator of such crime.*

B. *Any individual who receives a waiver pursuant to subsection A shall remain eligible for such waiver if he maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 or its equivalent.*

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