

# 1995 SESSION

## SENATE SUBSTITUTE

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 2352

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice  
on February 19, 1995)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Robinson)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-3926 of the Code of Virginia, relating to proof of education required for bar exam.*

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

**1. That § 54.1-3926 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 54.1-3926. Preliminary proof of education required of applicant.

A. In addition to the certificate required by § 54.1-3925, before taking any examination under this article the applicant shall furnish to the Board satisfactory evidence that he has:

1. Completed all degree requirements from a law school approved by the American Bar Association or ~~the Board~~ by such other law school accrediting body as may be approved by the United States Department of Education; or

2. Received a bachelor's degree from a four-year accredited college or university and studied law for at least three years, in the office of an attorney practicing in this Commonwealth, whose full time is devoted to the practice of law, or studied law for at least three years partly in a law school approved by the American Bar Association or the Board and partly in the practicing attorney's office. The attorney in whose office the applicant intends to study shall be approved by the Board which shall prescribe reasonable conditions as to the course of study.

B. Persons who have graduated from the Northern Virginia Law School, in Alexandria, Virginia, shall be deemed to have satisfied the legal education requirements and may sit for the bar examinations to be given in July 1995, February 1996 and July 1996. Thereafter, no graduate of the Northern Virginia Law School shall be permitted to sit for the Virginia Bar Examination until the Northern Virginia Law School has been approved by a law school accrediting body approved by the United States Department of Education and has been authorized by the State Council of Higher Education to grant the juris doctor degree. However, so long as the Northern Virginia Law School operates exclusively on weekends, it shall not be denied such approval solely because it does not have full-time faculty members.

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