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SENATE BILL NO. 123

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 23-31 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unfunded scholarships in public institutions of higher education.

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Referred to the Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 23-31 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 23-31. Unfunded scholarships.

A. The corporate authorities of the University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the College of William and Mary, Christopher Newport University, George Mason University, Clinch Valley College, Longwood College, Mary Washington College, James Madison University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Radford University, Old Dominion University, the Virginia Community College System, Virginia State University, Norfolk State University, and Richard Bland College may establish scholarships, hereafter to be designated as unfunded scholarships, in their respective institutions under such regulations and conditions as they may prescribe, but subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

1. All such scholarships shall be applied exclusively to the remission, in whole or in part, of tuition and required fees.

2. The number of such scholarships annually awarded by an institution to undergraduate Virginia students shall not exceed twenty percent of the enrollment of Virginia students in undergraduate studies in the institution during the preceding academic year. The total value of all such scholarships annually awarded by an institution to undergraduate Virginia students shall not exceed in any year the amount arrived at by multiplying the applicable figure for undergraduate tuition and required fees by twenty percent of the enrollment of Virginia students in undergraduate studies in the institution during the preceding academic year. The number of such scholarships annually awarded by an institution to non-Virginia undergraduate students shall not exceed twenty percent of the enrollment of non-Virginia students in undergraduate studies in the institution during the preceding academic year. The total value of all such scholarships annually awarded by an institution to non-Virginia undergraduate students shall not exceed in any year the amount of the applicable, per capita out-of-state differential paid by non-Virginia undergraduate students for tuition and required fees multiplied by twenty percent of the enrollment of non-Virginia students in undergraduate studies in the institution during the preceding academic year. All such scholarships awarded to undergraduate students shall be awarded only to undergraduate students in the first four years of undergraduate work and shall be awarded and renewed on a selective basis to students of character and ability who are in need of financial assistance. For purposes of determining need under this section, a nationally recognized needs-analysis system approved by the State Council of Higher Education shall be used.

3. The number of such scholarships annually awarded by an institution to graduate students shall not exceed the total number of graduate students who are employed as teaching or research assistants with significant academic responsibilities and who are paid a stipend of at least \$2,000 in the particular academic year. The total value of all such scholarships annually awarded to such graduate students shall not exceed in any year the amount arrived at by multiplying the applicable figure for graduate tuition and required fees by the number of graduate students so employed and paid. All graduate scholarships shall be awarded and renewed on a selective basis to graduate students of character and ability who are so employed and paid.

4. A scholarship awarded under this program shall entitle the holder to the following award, as appropriate:

a. A Virginia undergraduate student may receive an annual remission of an amount not to exceed the cost of tuition and fees required to be paid by the student;

b. A non-Virginia undergraduate student may receive an annual remission not to exceed the amount of the out-of-state differential required to be paid by the student for tuition and fees;

c. A qualified graduate student may receive an annual remission of an amount not to exceed the cost of tuition and fees required to be paid by the student.

5. Notwithstanding the limitations on the awards of unfunded scholarships to undergraduate students pursuant to subdivisions A 2 and A 4 of this section, an institution may award additional unfunded scholarships to visiting foreign exchange students; however, the number of such awards in any fiscal

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60 year shall not exceed one quarter of one percent of the total institutional headcount enrollment.

61 B. No institution named herein shall remit any tuition or required fees or any special fees or charges,
62 to any student at such institution except as authorized in this section. Each institution named herein shall
63 make an annual report to the State Council of Higher Education showing the number and value of
64 scholarships awarded under this section according to each student classification.

65 C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent or limit in any way the admission of certain
66 students, known as state cadets, at the Virginia Military Institute or to affect the remission of tuition or
67 required fees or other charges to such state cadets as permitted under existing law. *Virginia Military*
68 *Institute shall provide for the admission of students, known as state cadets, in the Virginia Women's*
69 *Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College.*

70 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect or limit in any way the control of the
71 governing bodies of the respective institutions over any other scholarships; or over any gifts or
72 donations made to such institutions for scholarships or other special purposes; or over any funds
73 provided by the federal government or otherwise for the purpose of vocational education or vocational
74 rehabilitation in this Commonwealth; or over any funds derived from endowment or appropriations from
75 the federal government for instruction in agriculture and mechanic arts in land grant colleges.

76 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the governing bodies of the respective
77 institutions from fixing a reasonably lower tuition charge for Virginia students than for non-Virginia
78 students.

79 F. Nothing in this section or any other provision of law shall prohibit the awarding of ten full tuition
80 unfunded scholarships each year by Old Dominion University under the terms and conditions provided
81 for in a deed conveying certain property in Norfolk known as the Old Larchmont School made July 5,
82 1930, between the City of Norfolk and the College of William and Mary.