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HOUSE BILL NO. 518

Offered January 20, 1998

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 23-9.2:3 and 23-38.12 of the Code of Virginia, relating to eligibility for certain student financial assistance.

Patrons—Armstrong and Day; Senator: Reynolds

Referred to Committee on Education

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 23-9.2:3 and 23-38.12 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 23-9.2:3. Power of governing body of educational institution to establish rules and regulations; offenses occurring on property of institution; state direct student financial assistance.

A. In addition to the powers now enjoyed by it, the board of visitors or other governing body of every educational institution shall have the power:

1. To establish rules and regulations for the acceptance of students except that individuals who have ~~been convicted of violating~~ failed to meet the federal requirement to register for the selective service shall not be eligible to receive any state direct student assistance; to establish rules and regulations for the conduct of students while attending such institution; and to establish rules and regulations for the dismissal of students who fail or refuse to abide by such rules and regulations.

2. To establish rules and regulations for the employment of professors, teachers, instructors and all other employees and provide for their dismissal for failure to abide by such rules and regulations.

3. To provide parking and traffic rules and regulations on property owned by such institution.

4. To establish guidelines for the initiation or induction into any social fraternity or sorority in accordance with § 18.2-56.

B. Upon receipt of an appropriate resolution of the board of visitors or other governing body of an educational institution, the governing body of a political subdivision which is contiguous to the institution shall enforce state statutes and local ordinances with respect to offenses occurring on the property of the institution.

The governing bodies of the public institutions of higher education shall assist the State Council of Higher Education and the Virginia Student Assistance Authorities in enforcing the provisions related to eligibility for financial aid.

C. In order to improve the quality of the Commonwealth's work force and educational programs, the governing bodies of the public institutions of higher education shall establish programs to seek to ensure that all graduates have the technology skills necessary to compete in the 21st Century and, particularly, that all students matriculating in teacher-training programs receive instruction in the effective use of educational technology.

§ 23-38.12. Program of tuition assistance established.

There is hereby established, from funds provided by law, a program of tuition assistance in the form of grants, as hereinafter provided, to or on behalf of bona fide residents of Virginia who attend private, accredited and nonprofit institutions of collegiate education in the Commonwealth whose primary purpose is to provide collegiate, graduate, or professional education and not to provide religious training or theological education. Individuals who have ~~been convicted of violating~~ failed to meet the federal requirement to register for the selective service shall not be eligible to receive these grants. The State Council of Higher Education shall be assisted in enforcing this provision by the private institutions of higher education whose students benefit from this program. Unless otherwise indicated, as used in this chapter "accredited" means any institution approved to confer degrees pursuant to Chapter 21 (§ 23-265 et seq.) of Title 23.

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