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## HOUSE BILL NO. 741

House Amendments in [ ] — February 11, 1998

A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.1-20.1:05, relating to participation by graduate students and their dependents in the Commonwealth's health insurance plan.

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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 2.1-20.1:05 as follows:**

§ 2.1-20.1:05. Purchase of health insurance coverage by graduate students and their dependents.

A. Any full-time [ ~~in state~~ ] graduate student attending a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth who [ (i) is a domiciled resident of Virginia as defined by § 23-7.4 and (ii) ] receives a stipend from such institution, [ any legislative assistant who receives compensation as a state employee and any other part-time state employee who is not otherwise eligible to participate in the Commonwealth's health insurance plan as a full-time employee, ] shall be entitled, upon proper application to the Department of Personnel and Training ("the Department"), to purchase health insurance coverage for himself and his dependents through the health insurance plan administered by the Department pursuant to § 2.1-20.1.

B. Applications to purchase health insurance coverage hereunder shall be made on an application form prescribed by the Department. In addition to his application, the applicant shall provide any necessary supporting documents requested by the Department.

C. Upon payment of any required premiums, coverage shall be effective retroactive to the date of the application.

D. The terms, conditions, and costs of health insurance coverage purchased hereunder shall be subject to administration by the Department. The Department may increase the cost of coverage consistent with its administration of health insurance plans under § 2.1-20.1.

E. Health insurance coverage purchased hereunder shall automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following: (i) the applicant's death, (ii) alternate health insurance coverage being obtained by the applicant or his dependents, (iii) the applicant's withdrawal from graduate school or reduction in the number of hours or credits to qualify as a full-time in state graduate student, [ ~~or~~ (iv) the applicant's failure to continue to receive a stipend, or (v) ] any applicable condition outlined in the policies and procedures of the Department governing its administration of health insurance plans pursuant to § 2.1-20.1. Health insurance coverage purchased hereunder shall expire no later than one year after the applicant's date of graduation.

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