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## SENATE BILL NO. 680

Offered January 26, 1998

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-7.4:4, relating to suspension of enrollment in a public institution of higher education and certain student financial assistance for alcohol offenses.

Patrons—Hanger; Delegate: Landes

Referred to the Committee on Education and Health

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-7.4:4 as follows:**

§ 23-7.4:4. Suspension of enrollment and financial aid in certain cases; regulations.

A. Upon disposition of a proceeding in a circuit or district court in which a resident of the Commonwealth who has been identified by the attorney for the Commonwealth as a student enrolled in a public or private institution of higher education in Virginia is convicted of a crime involving a violation of § 4.1-305, the clerk of the circuit or district court in which the disposition is entered shall, within fifteen days if there has been no notice of an appeal, provide written notice of the disposition ordered by the court, including the nature of the offense upon which the conviction was based, to the State Council of Higher Education.

Upon receipt of such report, the Council shall notify the governing board of the relevant public institution of higher education, and such governing board may suspend any state-supported financial assistance such student may be receiving and may also suspend enrollment of such student pursuant to Council regulations. Upon receipt of a report regarding a student who is enrolled in a private institution of higher education and who is receiving a Tuition Assistance Grant pursuant to Article 1 (§ 23-38.11 et seq.) of Chapter 4.1 of Title 23, the Council may terminate such tuition assistance for a period not to exceed one year in accordance with Council regulations.

B. The Council shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall address, but shall not be limited to, the duration of such suspensions of enrollment and financial assistance; appropriate procedures for the notification of parents; and subsequent dissemination of such reports.

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