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SENATE BILL NO. 1337

Offered January 27, 1999

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-7.4:4, relating to reduced tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.

Patrons—Chichester, Barry, Bolling, Colgan, Couric, Edwards, Forbes, Gartlan, Hanger, Hawkins, Houck, Howell, Lucas, Marsh, Martin, Maxwell, Miller, K.G., Mims, Newman, Norment, Potts, Puckett, Quayle, Reynolds, Saslaw, Schrock, Stolle, Stosch, Ticer, Trumbo, Walker, Wampler, Watkins, Whipple, Williams and Woods

Introduced at the request of Governor

Referred to Committee on Finance

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. Reduction in tuition and fees charged; in-state undergraduates.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commonwealth of Virginia make available to its citizens an affordable college education. Therefore, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing body of each institution of higher education shall reduce the tuition and mandatory educational and general fees in effect on June 30, 1999, for in-state undergraduate students by twenty percent for the year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000. In each year thereafter, tuition and mandatory educational and general fees for in-state undergraduate students shall not be increased. Following such reduction, the Governor shall include, in each budget submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to § 2.1-399, sufficient funds to reimburse each public institution of higher education for such tuition and mandatory fees reduced pursuant to this section.

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