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SENATE BILL NO. 1337

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance

on January 29, 1999)

(Patron Prior to Substitute-Senator Chichester)

234567 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-9.2:3.01, relating to reduction

in tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

9 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-9.2:3.01 as follows:

§ 23-9.2:3.01. Reduction in tuition and fees charged in-state undergraduate students. 10

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commonwealth of Virginia make available to its 11 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 12 13 14 by twenty percent for the year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000. Following such 15 16 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 17 18 mandatory fees reduced pursuant to this section.

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