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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 545

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*Proposing an amendment to Section 10 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Virginia, relating to appropriations to nonpublic schools and institutions of learning; exceptions.*

Patrons—Lingamfelter, Black, Cole, Hargrove, Janis, Marshall, R.G. and Rollison; Senator: Cuccinelli

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

Amend Section 10 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### EDUCATION

Section 10. State appropriations prohibited to schools or institutions of learning not owned or exclusively controlled by the State or some subdivision thereof; exceptions to rule.

No appropriation of public funds shall be made to any school or institution of learning not owned or exclusively controlled by the State or some political subdivision thereof; provided, first, that the General Assembly may, and the governing bodies of the several counties, cities and towns may, subject to such limitations as may be imposed by the General Assembly, appropriate funds for educational purposes which may be expended in furtherance of elementary, secondary, collegiate or graduate education of Virginia students in public and nonsectarian private schools and institutions of learning, in addition to those owned or exclusively controlled by the State or any such county, city or town; second, that the General Assembly may appropriate funds to an agency, or to a school or institution of learning owned or controlled by an agency, created and established by two or more States under a joint agreement to which this State is a party for the purpose of providing educational facilities for the citizens of the several States joining in such agreement; third, that counties, cities, towns and districts may make appropriations to nonsectarian schools of manual, industrial or technical training and also to any school or institution of learning owned or exclusively controlled by such county, city, town or school district. *Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the General Assembly may, subject to such limitations as may be imposed by the General Assembly, appropriate public funds to Virginia students, or the parents or guardians of Virginia students, for assistance in the payment of tuition or other costs for the students' education in elementary, secondary, collegiate or graduate education in public and private schools and institutions of learning.*

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