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A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-322 of the Code of Virginia, relating to an income tax deduction for purchases and contributions for a prepaid tuition contract or savings trust account entered into with the Virginia College Savings Plan.

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 Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 58.1-322 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 58.1-322. Virginia taxable income of residents.

A. The Virginia taxable income of a resident individual means his federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year, which excludes combat pay for certain members of the Armed Forces of the United States as provided in § 112 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and with the modifications specified in this section.

B. To the extent excluded from federal adjusted gross income, there shall be added:

1. Interest, less related expenses to the extent not deducted in determining federal income, on obligations of any state other than Virginia, or of a political subdivision of any such other state unless created by compact or agreement to which Virginia is a party;

2. Interest or dividends, less related expenses to the extent not deducted in determining federal taxable income, on obligations or securities of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the United States, which the laws of the United States exempt from federal income tax but not from state income taxes;

3. Unrelated business taxable income as defined by § 512 of the Internal Revenue Code;

4. The amount of a lump sum distribution from a qualified retirement plan, less the minimum distribution allowance and any amount excludable for federal income tax purposes that is excluded from federal adjusted gross income solely by virtue of an individual's election to use the averaging provisions under § 402 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

5 through 8. [Repealed.]

9. The amount required to be included in income for the purpose of computing the partial tax on an accumulation distribution pursuant to § 667 of the Internal Revenue Code.

C. To the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, there shall be subtracted:

1. Income derived from obligations, or on the sale or exchange of obligations, of the United States and on obligations or securities of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the United States to the extent exempt from state income taxes under the laws of the United States including, but not limited to, stocks, bonds, treasury bills, and treasury notes, but not including interest on refunds of federal taxes, interest on equipment purchase contracts, or interest on other normal business transactions.

2. Income derived from obligations, or on the sale or exchange of obligations of this Commonwealth or of any political subdivision or instrumentality of the Commonwealth.

3. [Repealed.]

4. Benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and other benefits subject to federal income taxation solely pursuant to § 86 of the Internal Revenue Code.

4a. Through December 31, 2000, the same amount used in computing the federal credit allowed under § 22 of the Internal Revenue Code by a retiree under age 65 who qualified for such retirement on the basis of permanent and total disability and who is a qualified individual as defined in § 22 (b) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code; however, any person who claims a deduction under subdivision 5 of subsection D of this section may not also claim a subtraction under this subdivision.

4b. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, up to \$20,000 of disability income, as defined in § 22 (c) (2) (B) (iii) of the Internal Revenue Code; however, any person who claims a deduction under subdivision 5 of subsection D of this section may not also claim a subtraction under this subdivision.

5. The amount of any refund or credit for overpayment of income taxes imposed by the Commonwealth or any other taxing jurisdiction.

6. The amount of wages or salaries eligible for the federal Targeted Jobs Credit which was not deducted for federal purposes on account of the provisions of § 280C (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

7, 8. [Repealed.]

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59 9. [Expired.]

60 10. Any amount included therein less than \$600 from a prize awarded by the State Lottery
61 Department.

62 11. The wages or salaries received by any person for active and inactive service in the National
63 Guard of the Commonwealth of Virginia, not to exceed the amount of income derived from 39 calendar
64 days of such service or \$3,000, whichever amount is less; however, only those persons in the ranks of
65 O3 and below shall be entitled to the deductions specified herein.

66 12. Amounts received by an individual, not to exceed \$1,000 in any taxable year, as a reward for
67 information provided to a law-enforcement official or agency, or to a nonprofit corporation created
68 exclusively to assist such law-enforcement official or agency, in the apprehension and conviction of
69 perpetrators of crimes. This provision shall not apply to the following: an individual who is an employee
70 of, or under contract with, a law-enforcement agency, a victim or the perpetrator of the crime for which
71 the reward was paid, or any person who is compensated for the investigation of crimes or accidents.

72 13. [Repealed.]

73 14. [Expired.]

74 15, 16. [Repealed.]

75 17. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1995, the amount of "qualified research
76 expenses" or "basic research expenses" eligible for deduction for federal purposes, but which were not
77 deducted, on account of the provisions of § 280C (c) of the Internal Revenue Code and which shall be
78 available to partners, shareholders of S corporations, and members of limited liability companies to the
79 extent and in the same manner as other deductions may pass through to such partners, shareholders, and
80 members.

81 18. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, all military pay and allowances, not
82 otherwise subtracted under this subsection, earned for any month during any part of which such member
83 performed military service in any part of the former Yugoslavia, including the air space above such
84 location or any waters subject to related naval operations, in support of Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR
85 as part of the NATO Peace Keeping Force. Such subtraction shall be available until the taxpayer
86 completes such service.

87 19. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1996, any income received during the taxable
88 year derived from a qualified pension, profit-sharing, or stock bonus plan as described by § 401 of the
89 Internal Revenue Code, an individual retirement account or annuity established under § 408 of the
90 Internal Revenue Code, a deferred compensation plan as defined by § 457 of the Internal Revenue Code,
91 or any federal government retirement program, the contributions to which were deductible from the
92 taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income, but only to the extent the contributions to such plan or
93 program were subject to taxation under the income tax in another state.

94 20. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1997, any income attributable to a
95 distribution of benefits or a refund from a prepaid tuition contract or savings trust account with the
96 Virginia College Savings Plan, created pursuant to Chapter 4.9 (§ 23-38.75 et seq.) of Title 23. The
97 subtraction for any income attributable to a refund shall be limited to income attributable to a refund in
98 the event of a beneficiary's death, disability, or receipt of a scholarship.

99 21. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, all military pay and allowances, to the
100 extent included in federal adjusted gross income and not otherwise subtracted, deducted or exempted
101 under this section, earned by military personnel while serving by order of the President of the United
102 States with the consent of Congress in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area which is treated
103 as a combat zone for federal tax purposes pursuant to § 112 of the Internal Revenue Code.

104 22. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, the gain derived from the sale or
105 exchange of real property or the sale or exchange of an easement to real property which results in the
106 real property or the easement thereto being devoted to open-space use, as that term is defined in
107 § 58.1-3230, for a period of time not less than 30 years. To the extent a subtraction is taken in
108 accordance with this subdivision, no tax credit under this chapter for donating land for its preservation
109 shall be allowed for three years following the year in which the subtraction is taken.

110 23. Effective for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, \$15,000 of military basic
111 pay for military service personnel on extended active duty for periods in excess of 90 days; however,
112 the subtraction amount shall be reduced dollar-for-dollar by the amount which the taxpayer's military
113 basic pay exceeds \$15,000 and shall be reduced to zero if such military basic pay amount is equal to or
114 exceeds \$30,000.

115 24. Effective for all taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2000, the first \$15,000 of salary
116 for each federal and state employee whose total annual salary from all employment for the taxable year
117 is \$15,000 or less.

118 25. Unemployment benefits taxable pursuant to § 85 of the Internal Revenue Code.

119 26. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2001, any amount received as military
120 retirement income by an individual awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

121 27. Effective for all taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1999, income received as a
122 result of (i) the "Master Settlement Agreement," as defined in § 3.1-1106; (ii) the National Tobacco
123 Grower Settlement Trust dated July 19, 1999; and (iii) the Tobacco Loss Assistance Program, pursuant
124 to 7 C.F.R. Part 1464 (Subpart C, §§ 1464.201 through 1464.205), by (a) tobacco farmers; (b) any
125 person holding a tobacco marketing quota, or tobacco farm acreage allotment, under the Agricultural
126 Adjustment Act of 1938; or (c) any person having the right to grow tobacco pursuant to such a quota or
127 allotment, but only to the extent that such income has not been subtracted pursuant to subdivision C 18
128 of § 58.1-402.

129 28. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2000, items of income attributable to,
130 derived from or in any way related to (i) assets stolen from, hidden from or otherwise lost by an
131 individual who was a victim or target of Nazi persecution or (ii) damages, reparations, or other
132 consideration received by a victim or target of Nazi persecution to compensate such individual for
133 performing labor against his will under the threat of death, during World War II and its prelude and
134 direct aftermath. This subtraction shall not apply to assets acquired with such items of income or with
135 the proceeds from the sale of assets stolen from, hidden from or otherwise lost to, during World War II
136 and its prelude and direct aftermath, a victim or target of Nazi persecution. The provisions of this
137 subdivision shall only apply to an individual who was the first recipient of such items of income and
138 who was a victim or target of Nazi persecution, or a spouse, widow, widower, or child or stepchild of
139 such victim.

140 "Victim or target of Nazi persecution" means any individual persecuted or targeted for persecution by
141 the Nazi regime who had assets stolen from, hidden from or otherwise lost as a result of any act or
142 omission in any way relating to (i) the Holocaust; (ii) World War II and its prelude and direct
143 aftermath; (iii) transactions with or actions of the Nazi regime; (iv) treatment of refugees fleeing Nazi
144 persecution; or (v) the holding of such assets by entities or persons in the Swiss Confederation during
145 World War II and its prelude and aftermath. A victim or target of Nazi persecution shall also include
146 any individual forced into labor against his will, under the threat of death, during World War II and its
147 prelude and direct aftermath. As used in this subdivision, "Nazi regime" means the country of Nazi
148 Germany, areas occupied by Nazi Germany, those European countries allied with Nazi Germany, or any
149 other neutral European country or area in Europe under the influence or threat of Nazi invasion.

150 29. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2002, any gain recognized as a result of the
151 Peanut Quota Buyout Program of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 pursuant to 7
152 C.F.R. Part 1412 (Subpart H, §§ 1412.801 through 1412.811) as follows:

153 a. If the payment is received in installment payments pursuant to 7 C.F.R. § 1412.807(a) (2), then the
154 entire gain recognized may be subtracted.

155 b. If the payment is received in a single payment pursuant to 7 C.F.R. § 1412.807(a) (3), then 20
156 percent of the recognized gain may be subtracted. The taxpayer may then deduct an equal amount in
157 each of the four succeeding taxable years.

158 30. Effective for all taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2002, but before January 1,
159 2005, the indemnification payments received by contract poultry growers and table egg producers from
160 the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a result of the depopulation of poultry flocks because of low
161 pathogenic avian influenza in 2002. In no event shall indemnification payments made to owners of
162 poultry who contract with poultry growers qualify for this subtraction.

163 31. Effective for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, the military death gratuity
164 payment made after September 11, 2001, to the survivor of deceased military personnel killed in the line
165 of duty, pursuant to Chapter 75 of Title 10 of the United States Code; however, the subtraction amount
166 shall be reduced dollar-for-dollar by the amount that the survivor may exclude from his federal gross
167 income in accordance with § 134 of the Internal Revenue Code.

168 32. Effective for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, the death benefit payments
169 from an annuity contract that are received by a beneficiary of such contract and are subject to federal
170 income taxation.

171 D. In computing Virginia taxable income there shall be deducted from Virginia adjusted gross
172 income as defined in § 58.1-321:

173 1. a. The amount allowable for itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the
174 taxpayer has elected for the taxable year to itemize deductions on his federal return, but reduced by the
175 amount of income taxes imposed by the Commonwealth or any other taxing jurisdiction and deducted
176 on such federal return and increased by an amount which, when added to the amount deducted under
177 § 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for mileage, results in a mileage deduction at the state level for
178 such purposes at a rate of 18 cents per mile; or

179 b. Three thousand dollars for single individuals for taxable years beginning on and after January 1,
180 1989; \$5,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a
181 separate return) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1989, but before January 1, 2005;

182 and \$6,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a
183 separate return) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2005; provided that the taxpayer has
184 not itemized deductions for the taxable year on his federal income tax return. For purposes of this
185 section, any person who may be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return for the taxable year
186 may compute the deduction only with respect to earned income.

187 2. a. A deduction in the amount of \$800 for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1988,
188 but before January 1, 2005, and \$900 for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2005, for each
189 personal exemption allowable to the taxpayer for federal income tax purposes.

190 b. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1987, each blind or aged taxpayer as defined
191 under § 63 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be entitled to an additional personal exemption in the
192 amount of \$800.

193 The additional deduction for blind or aged taxpayers allowed under this subdivision shall be
194 allowable regardless of whether the taxpayer itemizes deductions for the taxable year for federal income
195 tax purposes.

196 3. A deduction equal to the amount of employment-related expenses upon which the federal credit is
197 based under § 21 of the Internal Revenue Code for expenses for household and dependent care services
198 necessary for gainful employment.

199 4. An additional \$1,000 deduction for each child residing for the entire taxable year in a home under
200 permanent foster care placement as defined in § 63.2-908, provided the taxpayer can also claim the child
201 as a personal exemption under § 151 of the Internal Revenue Code.

202 5. a. Effective for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, but before January 1,
203 2004, a deduction in the amount of \$12,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older, or \$6,000 for taxpayers age
204 62 through 64.

205 b. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2004, a deduction in the amount of \$12,000
206 for individuals born on or before January 1, 1939.

207 c. For taxable years beginning January 1, 2004, but before January 1, 2005, a deduction in the
208 amount of \$6,000 for individuals born on or between January 2, 1940, and January 1, 1942.

209 d. For taxable years beginning January 1, 2005, but before January 1, 2006, a deduction in the
210 amount of \$6,000 for individuals born on or between January 2, 1941, and January 1, 1942.

211 e. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2004, a deduction in the amount of \$12,000
212 for individuals born after January 1, 1939, who have attained the age of 65. This deduction shall be
213 reduced by \$1 for every \$1 that the taxpayer's adjusted federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$50,000
214 for single taxpayers or \$75,000 for married taxpayers. For married taxpayers filing separately, the
215 deduction will be reduced by \$1 for every \$1 the total combined adjusted federal adjusted gross income
216 of both spouses exceeds \$75,000.

217 f. For the purposes of this subdivision, "adjusted federal adjusted gross income" means federal
218 adjusted gross income minus any benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and other
219 benefits subject to federal income taxation solely pursuant to § 86 of the Internal Revenue Code, as
220 amended.

221 6. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1997, the amount an individual pays as a fee
222 for an initial screening to become a possible bone marrow donor, if (i) the individual is not reimbursed
223 for such fee or (ii) the individual has not claimed a deduction for the payment of such fee on his federal
224 income tax return.

225 7. a. A deduction shall be allowed to the purchaser or contributor for the amount paid or contributed
226 during the taxable year for a prepaid tuition contract or savings trust account entered into with the
227 Virginia College Savings Plan, pursuant to Chapter 4.9 (§ 23-38.75 et seq.) of Title 23. Except as
228 provided in subdivision 7 c, the amount deducted on any individual income tax return in any taxable
229 year shall be limited to ~~\$2,000~~ \$4,000 per prepaid tuition contract or savings trust account. No
230 deduction shall be allowed pursuant to this section if such payments or contributions are deducted on the
231 purchaser's or contributor's federal income tax return. If the purchase price or annual contribution to a
232 savings trust account exceeds ~~\$2,000~~ \$4,000, the remainder may be carried forward and subtracted in
233 future taxable years until the purchase price or savings trust contribution has been fully deducted;
234 however, except as provided in subdivision 7 c, in no event shall the amount deducted in any taxable
235 year exceed ~~\$2,000~~ \$4,000 per contract or savings trust account. Notwithstanding the statute of
236 limitations on assessments contained in § 58.1-312, any deduction taken hereunder shall be subject to
237 recapture in the taxable year or years in which distributions or refunds are made for any reason other
238 than (i) to pay qualified higher education expenses, as defined in § 529 of the Internal Revenue Code or
239 (ii) the beneficiary's death, disability, or receipt of a scholarship. For the purposes of this subdivision,
240 the term "purchaser" or "contributor" means the person shown as such on the records of the Virginia
241 College Savings Plan as of December 31 of the taxable year. In the case of a transfer of ownership of a
242 prepaid tuition contract or savings trust account, the transferee shall succeed to the transferor's tax
243 attributes associated with a prepaid tuition contract or savings trust account, including, but not limited

to, carryover and recapture of deductions.

b. The amount paid for a prepaid tuition contract during taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, but before January 1, 1998, shall be deducted in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, and shall be subject to the limitations set out in subdivision 7 a.

c. A purchaser of a prepaid tuition contract or contributor to a savings trust account who has attained age 70 shall not be subject to the limitation that the amount of the deduction not exceed ~~\$2,000~~ \$4,000 per prepaid tuition contract or savings trust account in any taxable year. Such taxpayer shall be allowed a deduction for the full amount paid for the contract or contributed to a savings trust account, less any amounts previously deducted. If a prepaid tuition contract was purchased by such taxpayer during taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, but before January 1, 1998, such taxpayer may take the deduction for the full amount paid during such years, less any amounts previously deducted with respect to such payments, in taxable year 1999 or by filing an amended return for taxable year 1998.

8. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2000, the total amount an individual actually contributed in funds to the Virginia Public School Construction Grants Program and Fund, established in Chapter 11.1 (§ 22.1-175.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1, provided the individual has not claimed a deduction for such amount on his federal income tax return.

9. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1999, an amount equal to 20 percent of the tuition costs incurred by an individual employed as a primary or secondary school teacher licensed pursuant to Chapter 15 (§ 22.1-289.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1 to attend continuing teacher education courses that are required as a condition of employment; however, the deduction provided by this subsection shall be available only if (i) the individual is not reimbursed for such tuition costs and (ii) the individual has not claimed a deduction for the payment of such tuition costs on his federal income tax return.

10. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2000, the amount an individual pays annually in premiums for long-term health care insurance, provided the individual has not claimed a deduction for federal income tax purposes, or a credit under § 58.1-339.11.

11. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2006, contract payments to a producer of quota tobacco or a tobacco quota holder, or their spouses, as provided under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-357), but only to the extent that such payments have not been subtracted pursuant to subsection D of § 58.1-402, as follows:

a. If the payment is received in installment payments, then the recognized gain, including any gain recognized in taxable year 2005, may be subtracted in the taxable year immediately following the year in which the installment payment is received.

b. If the payment is received in a single payment, then 10% of the recognized gain may be subtracted in the taxable year immediately following the year in which the single payment is received. The taxpayer may then deduct an equal amount in each of the nine succeeding taxable years.

12. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2007, an amount equal to 20% of the sum paid by an individual pursuant to Chapter 6 (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) of this title, not to exceed \$500 in each taxable year, in purchasing for his own use the following items of tangible personal property: (i) any clothes washers, room air conditioners, dishwashers, and standard size refrigerators that meet or exceed the applicable energy star efficiency requirements developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy; (ii) any fuel cell that (a) generates electricity using an electrochemical process, (b) has an electricity-only generation efficiency greater than 35%, and (c) has a generating capacity of at least two kilowatts; (iii) any gas heat pump that has a coefficient of performance of at least 1.25 for heating and at least 0.70 for cooling; (iv) any electric heat pump hot water heater that yields an energy factor of at least 1.7; (v) any electric heat pump that has a heating system performance factor of at least 8.0 and a cooling seasonal energy efficiency ratio of at least 13.0; (vi) any central air conditioner that has a cooling seasonal energy efficiency ratio of at least 13.5; (vii) any advanced gas or oil water heater that has an energy factor of at least 0.65; (viii) any advanced oil-fired boiler with a minimum annual fuel-utilization rating of 85; (ix) any advanced oil-fired furnace with a minimum annual fuel-utilization rating of 85; and (x) programmable thermostats.

E. There shall be added to or subtracted from federal adjusted gross income, as the case may be, the individual's share, as beneficiary of an estate or trust, of the Virginia fiduciary adjustment determined under § 58.1-361.

F. There shall be added or subtracted, as the case may be, the amounts provided in § 58.1-315 as transitional modifications.

2. That the provisions of this act shall be effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009.