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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2231**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 58.1-439.18 and 58.1-439.21 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Neighborhood Assistance Act income tax credit; trusts.*

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Referred to Committee on Finance

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 58.1-439.18 and 58.1-439.21 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 58.1-439.18. Definitions.

As used in this article:

"Affiliate" means with respect to any person, any other person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with such person. For purposes of this definition, "control" (including controlled by and under common control with) shall mean the power, directly or indirectly, to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such person whether through ownership or voting securities or by contract or otherwise.

"Business firm" means any corporation, partnership, electing small business (Subchapter S) corporation, limited liability company, or sole proprietorship authorized to do business in this Commonwealth subject to tax imposed by Articles 2 (§ 58.1-320 et seq.) and 10 (§ 58.1-400 et seq.) of Chapter 3, Chapter 12 (§ 58.1-1200 et seq.), Article 1 (§ 58.1-2500 et seq.) of Chapter 25, or Article 2 (§ 58.1-2620 et seq.) of Chapter 26. "Business firm" also means any trust or fiduciary for a trust subject to tax imposed by Article 6 (§ 58.1-360 et seq.) of Chapter 3.

"Commissioner of the State Department of Social Services" means the Commissioner of the State Department of Social Services or his designee.

"Community services" means any type of counseling and advice, emergency assistance, medical care, provision of basic necessities, or services designed to minimize the effects of poverty, furnished primarily to impoverished people.

"Contracting services" means the provision, by a business firm licensed by the Commonwealth as a contractor under Chapter 11 (§ 54.1-1100 et seq.) of Title 54.1, of labor or technical advice to aid in the development, construction, renovation, or repair of (i) homes of impoverished people or (ii) buildings used by neighborhood organizations.

"Education" means any type of scholastic instruction or scholastic assistance to an individual who is impoverished.

"Housing assistance" means furnishing financial assistance, labor, material, or technical advice to aid the physical improvement of the homes of impoverished people.

"Impoverished people" means individuals with family annual income not in excess of 200 percent of the current poverty guidelines for education proposals submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction requesting an allocation of tax credits under this article. For other than education proposals, impoverished people means individuals with family annual income not in excess of 150 percent of the current poverty guidelines.

"Job training" means any type of instruction to an individual who is impoverished that enables him to acquire vocational skills so that he can become employable or able to seek a higher grade of employment.

"Neighborhood assistance" means providing community services, education, housing assistance, or job training.

"Neighborhood organization" means any local, regional or statewide organization whose primary function is providing neighborhood assistance for impoverished people, and holding a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of the Treasury that the organization is exempt from income taxation under the provisions of §§ 501(c) (3) and 501(c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any organization defined as a community action agency in the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.), or any housing authority as defined in § 36-3.

"Poverty guidelines" means the poverty guidelines for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia updated annually in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of § 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981.

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59 "Professional services" means any type of personal service to the public that requires as a condition  
60 precedent to the rendering of such service the obtaining of a license or other legal authorization and  
61 shall include, but shall not be limited to, the personal services rendered by medical doctors, dentists,  
62 architects, professional engineers, certified public accountants, attorneys-at-law, and veterinarians.

63 "Scholastic assistance" means (i) counseling or supportive services to elementary school, middle  
64 school, secondary school, or postsecondary school students or their parents in developing a  
65 postsecondary academic or vocational education plan, including college financing options for such  
66 students or their parents, or (ii) scholarships.

67 § 58.1-439.21. Tax credit; amount; limitation; carry over.

68 A. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Commissioner of the State Department of Social  
69 Services shall certify to the Department of Taxation, or in the case of business firms subject to a tax  
70 under Article 1 (§ 58.1-2500 et seq.) of Chapter 25 or Article 2 (§ 58.1-2620 et seq.) of Chapter 26, to  
71 the State Corporation Commission, the applicability of the tax credit provided herein for a business firm.

72 B. A business firm shall be eligible for a credit against the taxes imposed by Articles 2 (§ 58.1-320  
73 et seq.), 6 (§ 58.1-360 et seq.), and 10 (§ 58.1-400 et seq.) of Chapter 3, Chapter 12 (§ 58.1-1200 et  
74 seq.), Article 1 (§ 58.1-2500 et seq.) of Chapter 25, or Article 2 (§ 58.1-2620 et seq.) of Chapter 26, in  
75 an amount equal to 40 percent of the value of the money, property, professional services, and  
76 contracting services donated by the business firm during its taxable year to neighborhood organizations  
77 for programs approved pursuant to § 58.1-439.20. Notwithstanding any other law and for purposes of  
78 this article, the value of a motor vehicle donated by a business firm shall, in all cases, be such value as  
79 determined for federal income tax purposes using the laws and regulations of the United States relating  
80 to federal income taxes. No tax credit of less than \$400 shall be granted for any donation, and a  
81 business firm shall not be allowed a tax credit in excess of \$175,000 per taxable year. No tax credit  
82 shall be granted to any business firm for donations to a neighborhood organization providing job  
83 training or education for individuals employed by the business firm. Any tax credit not usable for the  
84 taxable year the donation was made may be carried over to the extent usable for the next five  
85 succeeding taxable years or until the full credit has been utilized, whichever is sooner. Credits granted to  
86 a partnership, electing small business (Subchapter S) corporation, or limited liability company shall be  
87 allocated to their individual partners, shareholders, or members, respectively, in proportion to their  
88 ownership or interest in such business entities.

89 C. A tax credit shall be issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Commissioner of  
90 the State Department of Social Services to a business firm upon receipt of a certification made by a  
91 neighborhood organization to whom tax credits were allocated for an approved program pursuant to  
92 § 58.1-439.20. The certification shall identify the type and value of the donation received and the  
93 business firm making the donation. A business firm shall be eligible for a tax credit under this section  
94 only to the extent that sufficient tax credits allocated to the neighborhood organization for an approved  
95 project are available.