

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 23.1-624 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Two-Year College*
3 *Transfer Grant Program; Expected Family Contribution.*

4 [S 1026]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 23.1-624 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 23.1-624. Eligibility criteria.**

9 A. Grants shall be made under the Program to or on behalf of Virginia students who (i) maintained a
10 cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 or its equivalent while enrolled in an
11 associate degree program at an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education, (ii) have
12 received an associate degree at an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education, (iii)
13 have enrolled in an eligible institution by the fall or spring following the award of such associate
14 degree, (iv) have applied for financial aid, and (v) have demonstrated financial need, defined as an
15 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of no more than ~~\$8,000~~ *\$12,000* as calculated by the federal
16 government using the family's financial information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student
17 Aid (FAFSA) form.

18 B. Eligibility for a grant under the Program is limited to three academic years. Grants under the
19 Program shall be used only for undergraduate coursework in educational programs other than those
20 providing religious training or theological education.

21 C. To remain eligible for a grant under the Program, a student shall continue to demonstrate financial
22 need as defined in subsection A, maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a scale of
23 4.0 or its equivalent, and make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree.

24 D. Individuals who have failed to meet the federal requirement to register for the Selective Service
25 are not eligible to receive grants pursuant to this article. However, an individual who has failed to
26 register for the Selective Service shall not be denied a right, privilege, or benefit under this section if (i)
27 the requirement to so register has terminated or become inapplicable to the individual and (ii) the
28 individual shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the failure to register was not a knowing and
29 willful failure to register.