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**HOUSE BILL NO. 481**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-341.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to deferral of jury service; students.*

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Patron—Bell, Robert B.

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

**1. That § 8.01-341.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 8.01-341.2. Deferral or limitation of jury service for particular occupational inconvenience.**

The court, on its own motion, may exempt any person from jury service for a particular term of court, or limit that person's service to particular dates of that term, if serving on a jury during that term or certain dates of that term of court would cause such person a particular occupational inconvenience. Any such person who is selected for jury service, and who is exempted under the provisions of this section, shall not be discharged from his obligation to serve on a jury, but such obligation shall only be deferred until the term of court next after such particular occupational inconvenience shall end. *For purposes of this section, "occupational inconvenience" includes inconvenience to a person who, during the term of court for which such person is selected for jury service, is enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited public or private institution of higher education and who is attending classes at such institution during such term.*

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