

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 23.1-601 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public institutions of higher*
3 *education; tuition and fees; foster care youth.*

4 [H 2350]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 23.1-601 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 23.1-601. Public institutions of higher education; grants for tuition and fees for certain**
9 **individuals.**10 A. Each comprehensive community college shall *and any other associate-degree-granting public*
11 *institution of higher education or baccalaureate public institution of higher education may* provide a
12 grant for the payment of tuition ~~or~~ *and* fees, except fees established for the purpose of paying for course
13 materials such as laboratory fees, for any Virginia student who:14 1. a. Has received a high school diploma or has passed a high school equivalency examination
15 approved by the Board of Education and was in foster care or in the custody of the Department of
16 Social Services or is considered a special needs adoption at the time such diploma or certificate was
17 awarded; or18 b. Was in foster care when he turned 18 and subsequently received a high school diploma or passed
19 a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education;20 2. Is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment as a full-time or part-time student, taking a
21 minimum of six credit hours per semester, in a degree or certificate program of at least one academic
22 year in length or in a noncredit workforce credential program in a comprehensive community college;23 3. Has not been enrolled in postsecondary education as a full-time student for more than five years
24 or does not have a bachelor's degree;25 4. Maintains the required grade point average established by the ~~State Board~~ *governing board of the*
26 *institution at which he is enrolled;*27 5. Has submitted complete applications for federal student financial aid programs for which he may
28 be eligible;

29 6. Demonstrates financial need; and

30 7. Meets any additional financial need requirements established by the ~~State Board~~ *governing board*
31 *of the institution at which he is enrolled* for the purposes of such grant.32 B. The State Board *and the Council*, in consultation with ~~the Council and~~ the Department of Social
33 Services, shall establish regulations governing such grants. The regulations shall include provisions
34 addressing renewals of grants, financial need, the calculation of grant amounts after consideration of any
35 additional financial resources or aid the student holds, the minimum grade point average required to
36 retain such grant, and procedures for the repayment of tuition and fees for failure to meet the
37 requirements imposed by this section.

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