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SENATE BILL NO. 1448

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on February 2, 2023)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Lucas)

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23.1-507.1, relating to Norfolk State University and Virginia State University; reduced rate tuition charges for certain non-Virginia students.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23.1-507.1 as follows:

§ 23.1-507.1. *Norfolk State University and Virginia State University; reduced rate tuition charges for certain students.*

A. *The Norfolk State University Board of Visitors and the Virginia State University Board of Visitors may charge reduced rate tuition to any non-Virginia student who has completed at least 30 credit hours of course work and who is enrolled in a program at the relevant institution that leads to employment in a high-demand field, as determined by the board of visitors of the relevant institution based on data compiled and provided by the Virginia Office of Education Economics.*

B. *Any non-Virginia student who is charged reduced rate tuition pursuant to subsection A shall forfeit eligibility for such reduced rate tuition charge and shall be charged tuition at the full rate for non-Virginia students in the event that such student withdraws from the program at the relevant institution that leads to employment in a high-demand field and enrolls in a program at the relevant institution that does not lead to employment in a high-demand field according to the criteria set forth in subsection A.*

C. *Any non-Virginia student who is enrolled in a program at Norfolk State University or Virginia State University that does not lead to employment in a high-demand field and who withdraws from such program and subsequently enrolls in a program at the relevant institution that leads to employment in a high-demand field according to the criteria set forth in subsection A may be charged reduced rate tuition pursuant to subsection A.*

2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2028.