

1 **SENATE BILL NO.**

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3 Prefiled

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5 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered [23-7.4:6](#), relating to*
6 *a partial tuition waiver for dependent children of university and college faculty.*

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10 Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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12 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

13 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered [23-7.4:6](#) as
14 follows:

15 § [23-7.4:6](#). *Partial tuition waiver for dependent children of university and college*
16 *faculty.*

17 *A. There is hereby created the Dependent Children of University and College Faculty*
18 *Reduced Tuition Program, to be administered by the State Council of Higher Education*
19 *for Virginia. Under this program, dependent children of current full-time faculty*
20 *members who have been employed full-time by any one or more public Virginia colleges*
21 *or universities for an aggregate period of at least seven years shall receive a 50% tuition*
22 *waiver. The tuition waivers shall be used for undergraduate education at any public*
23 *institution of higher education in Virginia. The State Council of Higher Education for*
24 *Virginia shall promulgate regulations for the implementation of the provisions of this*
25 *section and the disbursement of funds consistent therewith and appropriate to the*
26 *administration of the program.*

27 *B. To be eligible for the partial tuition waiver under this program, the dependent child*
28 *must be under the age of 21 at the commencement of the academic year during which the*
29 *initial tuition waiver is to be effective and either have been admitted to a public Virginia*
30 *university or college under the same admissions requirements, standards, and policies*
31 *applicable to other applicants of the same college or university or be a current student in*
32 *good standing at a public Virginia university or college.*

33 *C. An eligible applicant who has continued to maintain satisfactory academic progress*
34 *toward graduation may have his partial tuition waiver renewed until (i) he has*
35 *accumulated a maximum of 120 academic credit hours or (ii) he reaches his 25th*
36 *birthday, whichever occurs first.*

37 *D. No partial tuition waiver allocated under this program shall be charged against any*
38 *other tuition waiver limitation established by the Commonwealth of Virginia.*

39 *E. This partial tuition waiver shall not apply to students enrolled under the academic*
40 *common market agreement.*

41 *F. From such funds as may be appropriated for this purpose and from such gifts, grants,*
42 *donations, bequests, and other funds as may be received on its behalf, there is hereby*
43 *created in the state treasury a special non-reverting fund to be known as the Dependent*
44 *Children of University and College Faculty Reduced Tuition Fund, hereafter referred to*
45 *as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. Interest*
46 *earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys*
47 *remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not*
48 *revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Funds may be paid to any public*
49 *Virginia college or university on behalf of students who have been awarded tuition*
50 *waivers under this section. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made*
51 *by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request*
52 *signed by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.*