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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1307**

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A *BILL to require the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to survey each baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth on student application fees; report.*

Patron—Reaser

Referred to Committee on Rules

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

1. § 1. *The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (the Council) shall survey each baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to determine, for the 2023–2024 academic year, (i) the median, average, and full per-student application fee charged by the institution; (ii) the total number and percentage of student applicants who receive an application fee waiver from the institution; (iii) the total number and percentage of student applicants who were charged the full student application fee by the institution; (iv) the total and per-student applicant revenue generated by the institution through student application fees; and (v) the total and per-student applicant cost to the institution to process student applications, including fully reviewing and acting upon such applications, disaggregated by each cost category deemed relevant by the Council and the institution. Each baccalaureate public institution of higher education shall conduct such internal audits as it deems necessary to fully comply with and respond to such survey. The Council shall report its findings and any associated recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education and Health, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than November 1, 2024.*

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