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**SENATE BILL NO. 1229**

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health  
on January 28, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Aird)

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 23.1-611 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public institutions of higher education; student exchange programs; tuition and mandatory fee waivers.*

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

**1. That § 23.1-611 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 23.1-611. Student exchange programs; tuition and mandatory fee waivers.**

Tuition and mandatory fees may be waived for ~~a an inbound student from a foreign country~~ enrolled in a public institution of higher education through a *formalized* student exchange program ~~approved by~~ *between* such institution *and another institution of higher education*, provided that the number of *inbound* students ~~from a foreign country for whom tuition and mandatory fees has been waived~~ *does not exceed during any three-year period the number of students from a foreign country who are enrolled through such student exchange program and who pay* *does not exceed the number of outbound students paying full tuition and mandatory fees to the public institution of higher education under the provisions of the exchange program for a given three-year period. However, each public institution of higher education may consider (i) multiple outbound students who are each enrolled part time at the other institution of higher education to be a single outbound student if the number of credit hours in which such students are enrolled in the aggregate is equal to a full term of enrollment and (ii) multiple inbound students who are each enrolled part time at the public institution of higher education to be a single inbound student if the number of credit hours in which such students are enrolled in the aggregate is equal to a full term of enrollment.*

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