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**SENATE BILL NO. 1229**

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations  
on January 30, 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. Students from foreign countries; student exchange programs; tuition and fee waivers.**

Tuition and mandatory fees may be waived for a 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 *full-time equivalent* 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 *full-time equivalent* students from a foreign country who are enrolled through such student exchange program and who pay full tuition and mandatory fees to the institution.

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