

HOUSE BILL NO. 1095

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health

on March 5, 2026)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Singh)

6 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-206.4, relating to high school*
 7 *students; completion of certain applications for student financial aid required; opt-out; exemption.*

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11     a.offsetWidth; var ah = a.offsetHeight; var x = a.offsetLeft; var y = a.offsetTop; var el = a; while (el.tagName
12     != "BODY") { el = el.offsetParent; x = x + el.offsetLeft; y = y + el.offsetTop; } var bw =
13     document.body.clientWidth; var bh = document.body.clientHeight; var bsl = document.body.scrollLeft; var
14     bst = document.body.scrollTop; if (x + cw + ah / 2 > bw + bsl && x + aw - ah / 2 - cw >= bsl ) { c.style.left =
15     x + aw - ah / 2 - cw; } else { c.style.left = x + ah / 2; } if (y + ch + ah / 2 > bh + bst && y + ah / 2 - ch >= bst
16     ) { c.style.top = y + ah / 2 - ch; } else { c.style.top = y + ah / 2; } c.style.visibility = "visible"; } }
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20     navigator.appVersion.substring(ms + 5, ms + 6); ie4 = (ms > 0) && (parseInt(vers) >= 4); return ie4; } if
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36 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

37 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-206.4 as follows:**

38 **§ 22.1-206.4. High school students; completion of certain applications for student financial aid**
39 **required; opt-out; exemption.**

40 *A. As used in this section:*

41 *"High school student" means any public high school student in the Commonwealth.*

42 *"Student financial aid application" means the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be*
43 *submitted to the U.S. Department of Education or, if applicable to the specific student, the Virginia*
44 *Alternative Student Aid (VASA) application to be submitted to the State Council of Higher Education for*
45 *Virginia.*

46 *B. Each school board shall annually provide to each high school student and the parents of each high*
47 *school student in the applicable school division guidance and other informational materials on student*
48 *financial aid applications for the purpose of promoting awareness of federal and state financial aid*
49 *programs, resources, eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and other processes and requirements.*

50 *C. Each school board shall establish (i) a five-year goal for encouraging and increasing the completion of*
51 *student financial aid applications by high school students during the students' final school year before*
52 *graduation for the applicable school division as a whole and for each high school in the school division and*
53 *(ii) annual goals toward achieving the five-year goal established pursuant to clause (i) for the applicable*
54 *school division as a whole and for each high school in the school division. Each school board shall base the*
55 *initial five-year and annual goals established pursuant to this subsection on the rate of high school students*
56 *who complete student financial aid applications during the preceding school year for the applicable school*
57 *division as a whole and for each high school in the school division.*

58 *D. Each school board shall collect data and annually post in a publicly accessible location on its website*
59 *and submit to the Department a report on the progress toward achieving, for the applicable school division*
60 *as a whole and for each high school in the school division, (i) the five-year goal for encouraging and*
61 *increasing the completion of student financial aid applications by high school students during the students'*

62 *final school year before graduation and (ii) the annual goals toward achieving such five-year goal*
63 *established by the school board in accordance with subsection C.*

64 *E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any school board to establish a goal of universal*
65 *completion of a student financial aid application prior to graduation by each high school student in the*
66 *school division.*

67 *F. No school board or employee thereof shall disclose any personally identifiable information related to*
68 *the requirements set forth in this section to any individual or entity outside of the local school division,*
69 *including to any local, state, or federal entity or any constitutional officer, as that term is defined in*
70 *§ 15.2-1605.2.*

71 **2. That the Department of Education shall provide to each school board (i) by the beginning of each**
72 **school year information on how to access data on the rates of completion of student financial aid**
73 **applications, as that term is defined by § 22.1-206.4 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, by**
74 **high school students and any other data necessary to assist in implementing and carrying out the**
75 **provisions of § 22.1-206.4 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, and (ii) guidance or other**
76 **informational resources designed to support school boards in making progress toward the five-year**
77 **and annual goals established pursuant to § 22.1-206.4 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act.**