

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 1890
 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
 3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Education
 4 on _____)
 5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Tata)

6 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Subtitle I of Title 23.1 a chapter numbered 3.1,
 7 containing articles numbered 1, 2, and 3, consisting of sections numbered 23.1-311 through 23.1-
 8 315, relating to public institutions of higher education; veterans of the uniformed services; data;
 9 guaranteed admissions for eligible veteran applicants.

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

11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Subtitle I of Title 23.1 a chapter numbered**
 12 **3.1, containing articles numbered 1, 2, and 3, consisting of sections numbered 23.1-311 through 23.1-**
 13 **315, as follows:**

14 CHAPTER 3.1.

15 VIRGINIA PROMISE TO VETERANS; REPORTING; GUARANTEED ADMISSION.

16 Article 1.

17 Definitions and Purpose.

18 **§ 23.1-311. Definitions.**

19 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

20 "Eligible veteran applicant" means any individual applying for admission to any public institution
 21 of higher education in the Commonwealth who (i) is a veteran member of the uniformed services, (ii) is
 22 permanently and totally disabled as a result of his active duty service in the uniformed services, and (iii)
 23 (a) graduated from a high school in the Commonwealth or (b) graduated from a high school in a state other
 24 than the Commonwealth and served in the uniformed services while assigned to a location in the
 25 Commonwealth.

26 "High school" means any public or private secondary school for grades nine through 12.

27 "Uniformed services" means the United States Armed Forces, including the Army, Navy, Air
28 Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned
29 Officer Corps; the commissioned corps of the U.S. Public Health Service; and the Virginia National
30 Guard.

31 "Veteran" or "veteran member of the uniformed services" means any individual who served in the
32 uniformed services and was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than
33 dishonorable.

34 **§ 23.1-312. Purpose.**

35 The purpose of this chapter is to remove barriers to higher education for veteran members of the
36 uniformed services and help assist such veterans in making the transition to civilian life in the
37 Commonwealth.

38 Article 2.

39 Reporting.

40 **§ 23.1-313. Public institutions of higher education; reporting.**

41 A. [LilyJones1]The governing board of each public institution of higher education shall post on
42 such institution's official website information about the guaranteed acceptance policy for eligible veteran
43 applicants developed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, including:

44 1. A general description of this chapter;

45 2. Information on the application requirements and applicable deadlines for such institution; and

46 3. Any additional resources or assistance programs available to eligible veteran applicants,
47 including any programs or grants relating to application or tuition fees.

48 B. Each public institution of higher education shall submit an annual report to the General
49 Assembly on or before December 31 of each year detailing the following information pursuant to this
50 chapter:

51 1. The number of eligible veteran applicants who applied to such institution;

52 2. The number of eligible veteran applicants who enrolled at such institution;

