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House Bill No. 4784

(By Delegates Armstead, Harrison, Anderson, Romine, Calvert, Houston and Shelton)

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Passed March 11, 2000

In Effect from Passage

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AN ACT to amend article ten, chapter eighteen-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section seven-b, relating to state institutions of higher education; tuition; fees; financial assistance; tuition waivers for high school graduates in foster care; and eligibility requirements and limitations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article ten, chapter eighteen-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section seven-b, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10. FEES AND OTHER MONEY COLLECTED AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

§18B-10-7b. Tuition waivers for high school graduates in foster care.

- 1 The governing boards shall make provision for institutions
- 2 under their respective jurisdictions to award a tuition and fee

waiver for undergraduate courses at state institutions of higher 3 education for any student, beginning with incoming freshmen 4 in the Fall, two thousand, semester or term, who graduate from 5 6 high school or pass the GED examination while in the legal 7 custody of the state department of health and human resources. The student must be in foster care or other residential care for 8 9 at least one year prior to the waiver award. If the foster care or 10 other residential care is provided in another state, the student 11 must first be returned to this state for waiver award eligibility.

To be eligible for a waiver award, a student must first: (1) Apply to and be accepted at the institution; and (2) apply for other student financial assistance, other than student loans, in compliance with federal financial aid rules, including the federal Pell grant.

Waiver renewal is contingent upon the student continuingto meet the academic progress standards established by theinstitution.

The waiver provided by this section for each eligible student may be used for no more than four years of undergraduate study. An initial waiver must be granted within two years of graduation from high school or passing the GED examination.

The waiver may only be used after other sources of financial aid that are dedicated solely to tuition and fees are exhausted.

Any award under this section is in addition to the number
of fee waivers permitted in sections five and six of this article
for undergraduate, graduate and professional schools.

No student who is enrolled in an institution of higher
education as of the effective date of this section is eligible for
a waiver award under the provisions of this section.

The governing boards may establish any limitations on theprovisions of this section as they consider proper.

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That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled Chairman Senate Com hitte Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect from passage. Clerk of the Senate

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