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WILLIAMSBURG -- The William and Mary School of Law at the College of William and Mary is in the process of adjusting its enrollment ratio for the next two years. According to a spokesperson for the university, the ratio is to be lowered to accommodate the needs of new students.

In a move to increase the number of law school students, the school is planning to add another class next year. The current ratio is 1:10, but the school is expected to increase it to 1:15 by the time the next class is admitted.

Response to State
The action by Greaves and Low School Dean James W. White was in response to a request from the Virginia State Bar, which has expressed concern over the number of law school graduates in the state.

Greaves said that the increase in enrollment is necessary to meet the demands of the legal profession and to ensure that the school has the resources to continue to provide a quality education.

Prepared to Change
Greaves said Monday that he was prepared to change the ratio if necessary, but that he was not sure if the decision would be made before the start of the next academic year.

The proposed law school ratio is the same as the one that has been established in the state of Virginia for the past three years.

"We are prepared to change the ratio if necessary," Greaves said.

Greaves added that the school is "reassessing the overall enrollment strategy" and that the decision to increase the ratio was made after "careful study and consideration."
Law School to Alter Enrollment Ratios


In a move to alter the enrollment ratios at the law school, the students were counted into the Marshfield Wyrick Building, which was constructed for the school about five years ago when the law school enrollment was smaller. Despite the increase in enrollment, Dr. Greaves said that while he was "authoritative" for enrollment, he would be unable to control the student body as it is now. However, he added, he expected that the enrollment at the law school would be reduced in the next two or three years.

The State Council of Higher Education has reported that state and private law schools are required to reduce their enrollment by 25-30%.