

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 23 a section numbered 23-9.2:8,*
3 *relating to policies for addressing suicidal students.*

4 [H 3064]
5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 23 a section numbered**
8 **23-9.2:8 as follows:**

9 *§ 23-9.2:8. Policies addressing suicidal students.*

10 *The governing boards of each public institution of higher education shall develop and implement*
11 *policies that advise students, faculty, and staff, including residence hall staff, of the proper procedures*
12 *for identifying and addressing the needs of students exhibiting suicidal tendencies or behavior. The*
13 *policies shall ensure that no student is penalized or expelled solely for attempting to commit suicide, or*
14 *seeking mental health treatment for suicidal thoughts or behaviors. Nothing in this section shall*
15 *preclude any public institution of higher education from establishing policies and procedures for*
16 *appropriately dealing with students who are a danger to themselves, or to others, and whose behavior is*
17 *disruptive to the academic community.*

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