

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 23-9.2:9,*
3 *relating to the establishment of a first warning notification and emergency broadcast system at every*
4 *public institution of higher education.*

5 [S 538]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 23 a section numbered**
9 **23-9.2:9 as follows:**

10 § 23-9.2:9. *First warning and emergency notification system required.*

11 *By January 1, 2009, the governing boards of each public institution of higher education shall*
12 *establish a comprehensive, prompt, and reliable first warning notification and emergency broadcast*
13 *system for their students, faculty, and staff, both on and off campus. Such system shall be activated in*
14 *the case of an emergency and may rely on website announcements; email notices; phone, cellular phone,*
15 *and text messages; alert lines; public address systems; and other means of communication. In addition,*
16 *each institution shall designate individuals authorized to activate the warning system and provide such*
17 *individuals with appropriate training for its use.*

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