

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1627.4 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sexual assault response*
3 *teams; addition of campus police chiefs.*

4 [S 301]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-1627.4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.2-1627.4. Coordination of multidisciplinary response to sexual assault.

9 The attorney for the Commonwealth in each political subdivision in the Commonwealth shall
10 coordinate the establishment of a multidisciplinary response to criminal sexual assault as set forth in
11 Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, and hold a meeting, at least annually, to: (i)
12 discuss implementation of protocols and policies for sexual assault response teams consistent with those
13 established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to subdivision 45 of § 9.1-102; and
14 (ii) establish and review guidelines for the community's response, including the collection, preservation,
15 and secure storage of evidence from Physical Evidence Recovery Kit examinations consistent with
16 § 19.2-165.1. The following persons or their designees shall be invited to participate in the annual
17 meeting: the attorney for the Commonwealth; the sheriff; the director of the local sexual assault crisis
18 center providing services in the jurisdiction, if any; the chief of each police department *and the chief of*
19 *each campus police department of any institution of higher education* in the jurisdiction, if any; a
20 forensic nurse examiner or other health care provider who performs Physical Evidence Recovery Kit
21 examinations in the jurisdiction, if any; and the director of the victim/witness program in the
22 jurisdiction, if any.

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