

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 23-234 of the Code of Virginia, relating to mutual aid agreements*
3 *between campus police and local law-enforcement agencies.*

4 [S 302]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 23-234 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 23-234. Powers and duties; jurisdiction.

9 A. A campus police officer appointed as provided in § 23-233 or appointed and activated pursuant to
10 § 23-233.1 may exercise the powers and duties conferred by law upon police officers of cities, towns, or
11 counties, and shall be so deemed, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapters 5 (§ 19.2-52 et
12 seq.), 7 (§ 19.2-71 et seq.), and 23 (§ 19.2-387 et seq.) of Title 19.2, (i) upon any property owned or
13 controlled by the relevant public or private institution of higher education, or, upon request, any property
14 owned or controlled by another public or private institution of higher education and upon the streets,
15 sidewalks, and highways, immediately adjacent thereto, (ii) pursuant to a mutual aid agreement provided
16 for in § 15.2-1727 between the governing board of a public or private institution and such other
17 institution of higher education, public or private, in the Commonwealth or adjacent political
18 subdivisions, (iii) in close pursuit of a person as provided in § 19.2-77, and (iv) upon approval by the
19 appropriate circuit court of a petition by the local governing body for concurrent jurisdiction in
20 designated areas with the police officers of the county, city, or town in which the institution, its satellite
21 campuses, or other properties are located. The local governing body may petition the circuit court
22 pursuant only to a request by the local law-enforcement agency for concurrent jurisdiction.

23 B. All public or private institutions of higher education that have campus police forces established in
24 accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall enter in and become a party to mutual aid
25 agreements with one or more of the following: (i) an adjacent local law-enforcement agency or (ii) the
26 Department of State Police, for the use of their joint forces, both regular and auxiliary, equipment, and
27 materials when needed in the investigation of any felony criminal sexual assault or medically unattended
28 death occurring on property owned or controlled by the institution of higher education or any death
29 resulting from an incident occurring on such property. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit
30 a campus police force from requesting assistance from any appropriate law-enforcement agency of the
31 Commonwealth, even though a mutual aid agreement has not been executed with that agency.

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