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**SENATE BILL NO. 1078** 

Senate Amendments in [] — January 28, 2013

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-219.1, relating to the State Board for Community Colleges; mental health policies.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Barker

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-219.1 as follows: § 23-219.1. Mental health policies.

The Board shall develop a mental health [ awareness and- ] referral policy directing community colleges to [ (i) undertake educational efforts to raise awareness of mental health needs among students and faculty and (ii)- designate at least one individual at each college to serve as a point of contact with an emergency services system clinician at a local community services board, or another qualified mental health services provider, for the purposes of facilitating screening and referral of students who may have emergency or [emerging urgent] mental health needs and of assisting the college in carrying out the duties specified by §§ 23-9.2:8 and 23-9.2:10. A community college may establish relationships with community services boards or other mental health providers for referral and treatment of persons with less serious mental health needs.