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SENATE BILL NO. 1379

Offered January 20, 2015

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 23 a section numbered 23-9.2:15, relating to public institutions of higher education; biennial review of sexual misconduct policies.*

Patron—Saslaw

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 in Chapter 1 of Title 23 numbered 23-9.2:15 as follows:

§ 23-9.2:15. Sexual misconduct policy review.

At least biennially, the governing board of each public institution of higher education shall certify to the State Council that it has reviewed its sexual misconduct policy and updated it as appropriate. Such policies shall include organizational policies and environmental interventions that reduce the risk of sexual misconduct and strengthen existing policies or services on campus related to reporting and responding to sexual misconduct. The State Council of Higher Education and the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall establish criteria for the certification process and may request information relating to the policies for the purposes of sharing best practices and improving campus safety. Beginning July 31, 2015, the State Council of Higher Education and the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall report to the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security on the certification status of institutions.

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