

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 23.1-804 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public institutions of higher*
3 *education; crisis and emergency management plan; annual exercise.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 23.1-804 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 23.1-804. Institutional crisis and emergency management plan.**

9 A. The governing board of each public institution of higher education shall develop, adopt, and keep
10 current a written crisis and emergency management plan. The plan shall (i) require the Department of
11 Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund to be contacted
12 immediately to deploy assistance in the event of an emergency as defined in the emergency response
13 plan when there are victims as defined in § 19.2-11.01 and (ii) include current contact information for
14 both agencies. The Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Criminal Injuries
15 Compensation Fund shall be the lead coordinating agencies for those individuals determined to be
16 victims.

17 B. Every four years, each public institution of higher education shall conduct a comprehensive
18 review and revision of its crisis and emergency management plan to ensure that the plan remains
19 current, and the revised plan shall be adopted formally by the governing board. Such review shall also
20 be certified in writing to the Department of Emergency Management. The institution shall coordinate
21 with the local emergency management organization, as defined in § 44-146.16, to ensure integration into
22 the local emergency operations plan.

23 C. The chief executive officer of each public institution of higher education shall annually (i) review
24 the institution's crisis and emergency management plan; (ii) certify in writing to the Department of
25 Emergency Management that he has reviewed the plan; and (iii) make recommendations to the
26 institution for appropriate changes to the plan.

27 D. Each public institution of higher education shall annually conduct a ~~functional~~ *test or exercise* in
28 accordance with the protocols established by the institution's crisis and emergency management plan and
29 certify in writing to the Department of Emergency Management that such *a test or exercise* was
30 conducted. *The activation of its crisis and emergency management plan and completion of an*
31 *after-action report by a public institution of higher education in response to an actual event or incident*
32 *satisfies the requirement to conduct such a test or exercise.*

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