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**HOUSE BILL NO. 228**

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23.1-401.2, relating to higher education; students and student organizations; remedies for certain violations.*

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Referred to Committee on Education

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23.1-401.2 as follows:**

**§ 23.1-401.2. Students and student organizations; remedies for certain violations.**

*Any student or student organization aggrieved by a violation of § 23.1-400, 23.1-401, or 23.1-401.1 by a public institution of higher education or any employee of such institution acting in his official capacity may (i) bring a cause of action against such institution or employee for appropriate relief, including injunctive relief, monetary damages, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs; (ii) assert such violation as a defense or counterclaim in any disciplinary action or civil or administrative proceeding brought against such student or student organization; and (iii) pursue any other remedy available to such student or student organization.*

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