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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1555**

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1 a section numbered 23.1-808.1, relating to institutions of higher education; human trafficking awareness and prevention training required.*

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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 in Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1 a section numbered 23.1-808.1 as follows:**

**§ 23.1-808.1. Human trafficking awareness and prevention training; first-year orientation.**

*A. The governing board of each public institution of higher education shall develop and implement policies requiring a human trafficking awareness and prevention training program be provided to and completed by all first-year students as a part of such institution's first-year orientation program. Such training program shall include trauma-informed training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.*

*B. The Council shall encourage private institutions of higher education to develop and implement policies to provide such a human trafficking awareness and prevention training program as a part of their first-year orientation programs.*