

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 23-9.2:8 of the Code of Virginia, relating to policies addressing suicidal*
3 *students.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 23-9.2:8 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 23-9.2:8. Policies addressing suicidal students.

9 The governing boards of each public institution of higher education shall develop and implement
10 policies that advise students, faculty, and staff, including residence hall staff, of the proper procedures
11 for identifying and addressing the needs of students exhibiting suicidal tendencies or behavior *and*
12 *provide for training, where appropriate.* ~~The policies shall ensure that no student is penalized or~~
13 ~~expelled solely for attempting to commit suicide, or seeking mental health treatment for suicidal~~
14 ~~thoughts or behaviors.~~ Nothing in this section shall preclude any public institution of higher education
15 from establishing policies and procedures for appropriately dealing with students who are a danger to
16 themselves, or to others, and whose behavior is disruptive to the academic community.

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