

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2013 SESSION

CHAPTER 606

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-219.1, relating to the State Board for Community Colleges; mental health policies.

[H 2322]

Approved March 20, 2013

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-219.1 as follows:**

§ 23-219.1. *Mental health policies.*

The Board shall develop a mental health referral policy directing community colleges to designate at least one individual at each college to serve as a point of contact with an emergency services system clinician at a local community services board, or another qualified mental health services provider, for the purposes of facilitating screening and referral of students who may have emergency or urgent mental health needs and of assisting the college in carrying out the duties specified by §§ 23-9.2:8 and 23-9.2:10. A community college may establish relationships with community services boards or other mental health providers for referral and treatment of persons with less serious mental health needs.