

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 23 a section numbered 23-9.2:12,*
3 *relating to higher education; student organizations.*

4 [S 1074]

5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 23 a section numbered**
8 **23-9.2:12 as follows:**

9 **§ 23-9.2:12. *Student organizations; rights and recognition.***10 *To the extent allowed by state and federal law:*

11 *1. A religious or political student organization may determine that ordering the organization's*
12 *internal affairs, selecting the organization's leaders and members, defining the organization's doctrines,*
13 *and resolving the organization's disputes are in furtherance of the organization's religious or political*
14 *mission and that only persons committed to that mission should conduct such activities; and*

15 *2. No public institution of higher education that has granted recognition of and access to any student*
16 *organization or group shall discriminate against any such student organization or group that exercises*
17 *its rights pursuant to subdivision 1.*