

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 23-9.2:10 of the Code of Virginia, relating to student mental health*  
3 *policies; violence prevention committees.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That § 23-9.2:10 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 23-9.2:10. Violence prevention committee; threat assessment team.**

9 A. Each public college or university shall have in place policies and procedures for the prevention of  
10 violence on campus, including assessment and intervention with individuals whose behavior poses a  
11 threat to the safety of the campus community.

12 B. The board of visitors or other governing body of each public institution of higher education shall  
13 determine a committee structure on campus of individuals charged with education and prevention of  
14 violence on campus. Each committee shall include representatives from student affairs, law enforcement,  
15 human resources, counseling services, residence life, and other constituencies as needed. Such committee  
16 shall also consult with legal counsel as needed. Once formed, each committee shall develop a clear  
17 statement of: (i) mission, (ii) membership, and (iii) leadership. Such statement shall be published and  
18 available to the campus community.

19 C. Each committee shall be charged with: (i) providing guidance to students, faculty, and staff  
20 regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community;  
21 ~~(ii) identification of identifying~~ members of the campus community to whom threatening behavior should  
22 be reported; (iii) *establishing policies and procedures to encourage all faculty and staff to report*  
23 *behavior that may represent a threat to the community, consistent with state and federal law; and (iii)*  
24 *(iv) establishing policies and procedures for the assessment of individuals whose behavior may present a*  
25 *threat, appropriate means of intervention with such individuals, and sufficient means of action, including*  
26 *interim suspension, referrals to community services boards or health care providers for evaluation or*  
27 *treatment, or medical separation to resolve potential threats, or notification of family members or*  
28 *guardians, or both, unless such notification would prove harmful to the individual in question, consistent*  
29 *with state and federal law.*

30 D. The board of visitors or other governing body of each public institution of higher education shall  
31 establish a specific threat assessment team that shall include members from law enforcement, mental  
32 health professionals, representatives of student affairs and human resources, and, if available, college or  
33 university counsel. Such team shall implement the assessment, intervention and action policies set forth  
34 by the committee pursuant to subsection C.

35 E. Each threat assessment team shall establish relationships or utilize existing relationships with local  
36 and state law-enforcement agencies as well as mental health agencies to expedite assessment and  
37 intervention with individuals whose behavior may present a threat to safety. Upon a preliminary  
38 determination that an individual poses a threat of violence to self or others, or exhibits significantly  
39 disruptive behavior or need for assistance, a threat assessment team may obtain criminal history record  
40 information, as provided in §§ 19.2-389 and 19.2-389.1, and health records, as provided in  
41 § 32.1-127.1:03. No member of a threat assessment team shall redisclose any criminal history record  
42 information or health information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an  
43 individual beyond the purpose for which such disclosure was made to the threat assessment team.

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