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HOUSE BILL NO. 1401

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 23.1 a section numbered 23.1-900.1, relating to public institutions of higher education; speech on campus.

Patrons—Landes, Anderson, Bell, Richard P., Cole, Edmunds, Fowler, Freitas, Helsel, Hugo, Miller, Minchew, Miyares, Morris, Poindexter, Ransone, Robinson, Villanueva, Ware and Webert; Senator: Chase

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 23.1 a section numbered 23.1-900.1 as follows:

§ 23.1-900.1. *Speech on campus.*

Except as otherwise permitted by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, no public institution of higher education shall abridge the freedom of any individual, including enrolled students, faculty and other employees, and invited guests, to speak on campus.

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