

HOUSE BILL NO. 713

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education
on February 5, 2024)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Torian)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1 a section numbered 23.1-808.2, relating to institutions of higher education; campus safety and emergency preparedness training; first-year completion and biennial review.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1 a section numbered 23.1-808.2 as follows:

§ 23.1-808.2. Campus safety and emergency preparedness training; first-year completion and biennial review.

A. The governing board of each public institution of higher education shall develop and implement policies requiring that a campus safety and emergency preparedness training program be provided to and completed by all first-year students by the last day of each student's first academic term and reviewed biennially by each returning student at such institution. Such training program shall focus on active shooter event preparedness and may be offered in any format, including a virtual format, and may include any supplementary materials that the governing board of each public institution of higher education deems appropriate.

B. The Council shall encourage private institutions of higher education to develop and implement policies requiring a campus safety and emergency preparedness training program be provided to and completed by all first-year students by the last day of each student's first academic term and reviewed biennially by each returning student enrolled at such institutions.

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