

**RESOLUTION MANDATING THAT FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS  
RECEIVE AND COMPLETE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia General Assembly has adopted §23.1-808.1, Code of Virginia, which requires public institutions of higher education to provide human trafficking awareness and prevention training to all first-year students as part of the institution's first-year orientation program, effective July 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, providing human trafficking awareness and prevention training to students can help prevent the occurrence of trafficking and aid in the recognition and reporting of potential trafficking situations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Visitors endorses a policy of including human trafficking awareness and prevention training to the first-year student orientation program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors mandates as policy that all first-year students be provided and complete trauma-informed training on human trafficking awareness and prevention training as part of the first-year orientation program, effective July 1, 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the resolution mandating that all first-year students be provided and complete trauma-informed training on human trafficking awareness and prevention as part of the first-year student orientation program be approved, effective July 1, 2023.

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*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 23.1 a section numbered 23.1-808.1, relating to institutions of higher education; human trafficking awareness and prevention training required.*

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**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 23.1-808.1 as follows:**

**§ 23.1-808.1. Human trafficking awareness and prevention training; first-year orientation.**

*A. The governing board of each public institution of higher education shall develop and implement policies requiring that a human trafficking awareness and prevention training program be provided to and completed by all first-year students as a part of such institution's first-year orientation program. Such training program shall include trauma-informed training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.*

*B. The Council shall encourage private institutions of higher education to develop and implement policies to provide such a human trafficking awareness and prevention training program as a part of their first-year orientation programs.*