



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 980

LCO No. 3037



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT IMPROVING SAFETY ON THE CAMPUSES OF INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 10a of the general statutes be amended to require
- 2 institutions of higher education to (1) provide training for all
- 3 administrators, faculty and staff in how to respond to incidents of hate
- 4 or harassment at the time such incident occurs, (2) adopt a procedure
- 5 for receiving and investigating student complaints of actual or
- 6 threatened racial, religious or ethnic bias, harassment or intimidation,
- 7 including, but not limited to, written notice at the conclusion of each
- 8 investigation to each student involved in a complaint indicating the
- 9 disciplinary action taken, if any, and specifying the institutional policy
- 10 against bias, harassment and intimidation, (3) establish a campus task
- 11 force to combat hatred, harassment, bullying and violence based on
- 12 actual or perceived religious identity, including, but not limited to,
- 13 combating antisemitism and Islamophobia, (4) create partnerships
- 14 between campus police, local police and state police with student
- 15 groups that face threats of terror attacks or hate crimes, and (5) report to

16 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
17 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment
18 advancement on the number and manner of complaints received and
19 investigations conducted and concluded.

Statement of Purpose:

To require institutions of higher education provide training and adopt procedures to respond to and prevent incidents of hate, harassment and racial, religious or ethnic bias.