



Testimony
House Education - Higher Education Sub Committee

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**Higher educational institutions, certain baccalaureate public;
on-campus student health centers.**

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports this proposed legislation. This bill would require public colleges and universities with an on-campus health center to have at least one staff member who has been trained to perform Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations. Undergraduate students, particularly females, are at high risk of being raped or sexually assaulted: over 20% of female undergraduates are victims of rape or sexual assault. Having an on-campus health care professional who can provide the appropriate care and treatment of sexual assault victims -- and has been trained to collect and document evidence for prosecution -- would help to ensure that victims get the help they deserve.

<https://www.rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence>

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-new-training-resource-sexual-assault-medical-forensic>