BOV-005

Notification to Parents of Tax-Dependent Students in Instances of Psychological Emergency

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Status Final

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Policy Type Board of Visitors

Contact Office Student Affairs

Student Health and Wellness

Oversight Executive
Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

Applies To Academic Division and the College at Wise.

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Policy Statement

Reason for Policy

Va. Code Ann. Section 23.1-1303 (previously, House Bill 1005), passed during the 2008 General Assembly Session, requires that the governing boards of each institution establish policies and procedures necessary to comply with the legislation requiring parental notification of tax-dependent students in instances of psychological emergency.

Definition of Terms

Terms

Description There are no terms that require definition.

Policy Statement

NEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO NOTIFY PARENTS OF TAX-DEPENDENT STUDENTS IN INSTANCES OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, House Bill 1005, passed during the 2008 General Assembly Session, provides notice under certain circumstances to the parents of a dependent student receiving mental health treatment at a state college or university student health or counseling center; and

WHEREAS, the bill specifically requires a parent of a dependent student to be notified when there exists a substantial likelihood that, as a result of mental illness the student will, in the near future, (i) cause serious physical harm to himself or others as evidenced by recent behavior or any other relevant information or (ii) suffer serious harm due to his lack of capacity to protect himself from harm or to provide for his basic human needs; and

WHEREAS, the bill allows such notification to be withheld if the student's treating physician or treating clinical psychologist has made a part of the student's record a written statement that, in the exercise of his professional judgment, the notification would be reasonably likely to cause substantial harm to the student or another person; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires that the governing boards of each institution shall establish the policies and procedures necessary to comply with the legislation;

RESOLVED, in accordance with HB 1005 and commencing the effective date thereof on July 1, 2008, the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia hereby affirms as University policy the aforesaid parental notification requirement which shall be implemented as follows:

1. The University's Department of Student Health shall notify promptly the Dean of Students or his/her designee whenever the Department treats a student who meets the criteria for parental notification under this legislation; and
2. The Dean of Students or his/her designee shall be primarily responsible for contacting the parent of any such dependent student as required by state law, and documenting such notification as appropriate under the circumstances.

The foregoing general procedure is subject at all times to the authority and direction of the University's Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer to approve notification by such other University office or personnel as may be necessary or appropriate under the circumstances.

Related Information

Counseling and Psychological Services
Emergency and Crisis Care

Policy Background

Reference: Approval of New Policies and Procedures to Notify Parents of Tax-Dependent Students in Instances of Psychological Emergency April 10 -12, 2008, BOV Minutes, pgs. 7580-7581.

Major Category Board of Visitors

Revision History

Updated 10/27/16 with new code reference.

Category Cross Reference

Students and Student Programs

Approved By Board of Visitors

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