



SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Senate Bill 961
Sexual Harassment Prevention Training - Designated Coordinator - USM
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Favorable with Amendment
Patrick Hogan, Vice Chancellor Government Relations

Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on Senate Bill 961. Senate Bill 961 would repeal the requirement the USM designate Title IX coordinators responsible for sexual harassment prevention training.

The USM supports this flexibility as on some campuses in some cases the Title IX Coordinator is not the most appropriate staff to handle this prevention training.

This bill would inadvertently remove the reference to a “unit” within the University System of Maryland, so we request the following amendment.

Under section 2-203.1 d (1) add:

WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND A UNIT IS ONE OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS.

With this amendment, the USM respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 961.