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SYNOPSIS

Expands duties of Campus Sexual Assault Commission; requires Secretary of Higher Education and institutions of higher education to designate certain safety-related liaisons.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning campus safety at institutions of higher
2 education and amending and supplementing P.L.2019, c.299.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 4 of P.L.2019, c.299 (C.18A:61E-10) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 4. It shall be the responsibility of the commission to further the
10 work of the Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault established
11 pursuant to P.L.2015, c.165. In particular, the commission shall:

12 a. study and evaluate emerging issues, policies, and practices
13 concerning campus sexual assault, dating and domestic violence,
14 and stalking on college campuses;

15 b. monitor the response to, and implementation of, the
16 recommendations put forth in the report issued by the task force
17 established pursuant to P.L.2015, c.165 and the Working Group on
18 Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments established pursuant to
19 Executive Order No. 61 of 2019;

20 c. supplement the findings and recommendations, as necessary,
21 of the report issued by the task force established pursuant to
22 P.L.2015, c.165;

23 d. monitor the progress of, and offer technical assistance to,
24 institutions of higher education in implementing a campus climate
25 survey. An institution of higher education shall conduct a campus
26 climate survey at intervals no longer than four years and submit the
27 de-identified survey data to the Office of the Secretary of Higher
28 Education. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education shall
29 share the findings with the commission; **[and]**

30 e. develop an action plan that includes policies, programs, or
31 procedures responsive to the issues and needs identified by
32 institutions of higher education from their campus climate survey;

33 f. facilitate communication between institutions of higher
34 education and community-based organizations;

35 g. provide technical assistance to institutions of higher education
36 using webinars; and

37 h. curate a comprehensive website repository of best practices,
38 templates, and resources for use by institutions of higher education
39 for the prevention of and response to campus sexual assault and
40 interpersonal violence. The repository shall be updated with new
41 information and resources as they become available to ensure
42 institution's have access to the most current and effective strategies.

43 (cf: P.L.2020, c.104, s.3)

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 and policy guidance concerning the prevention of and response to
2 campus sexual assault. The coordinator will serve as the primary
3 liaison to institutions of higher education and community-based
4 organizations concerning the prevention of and response to campus
5 sexual assault.

6 The bill also requires each institution of higher education to
7 designate a campus safety liaison to facilitate cross-departmental
8 collaboration within the institution of higher education concerning
9 the prevention of and response to campus sexual assault. The
10 campus safety liaison will coordinate a comprehensive campus
11 approach to safety to link prevention, data collection, and response
12 functions. The campus safety liaison is required to have
13 demonstrated expertise in compliance and reporting under Title IX
14 of the Education Amendments of 1972 and sexual violence
15 prevention on college campuses.