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SYNOPSIS

Requires four-year institutions of higher education to provide training on affirmative consent and certain federal Title IX requirements to first-year and transfer students.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning student training on campus sexual assault and
2 violence and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. As used in this section:

9 “Affirmative consent” means affirmative, conscious, and
10 voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity.

11 “Sexual assault,” “domestic violence,” “dating violence,” and
12 “stalking” shall have the same meaning as set forth in section 485(f)
13 of the federal “Higher Education Act of 1965,” 20 U.S.C. s.1092(f).

14 b. A four-year institution of higher education shall annually
15 provide to each incoming first-year and transfer student enrolled in
16 an undergraduate degree program of the institution training on
17 affirmative consent and the requirements of Title IX of the
18 Education Amendments Act of 1972, 20 U.S.C. s.1681 et seq.,
19 related to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and
20 stalking. The training may be included as part of any orientation
21 program provided to incoming first-year and transfer students.

22 c. The training required pursuant to this section shall include,
23 but not be limited to, information on:

24 (1) the responsibility of each person involved in a sexual
25 activity to ensure that the person has the affirmative consent of the
26 involved participants to engage in the sexual activity, and the
27 necessity that each person understand that affirmative consent must
28 be ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any
29 time;

30 (2) the institution’s policy on prevention and reporting of
31 incidents of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and
32 stalking; and

33 (3) the reporting and investigatory procedures required under
34 Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, 20 U.S.C.
35 s.1681 et seq.

36 d. A four-year institution of higher education may provide the
37 training required pursuant to this section in an interactive, online
38 format to incoming first-year and transfer students who are enrolled
39 solely in an online learning program.

40 e. Each four-year institution of higher education shall regularly
41 assess, and update as necessary, the training provided pursuant to
42 this section to ensure its effectiveness and relevance for students.

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44 2. This act shall take effect immediately and first apply to the
45 first full academic year following the date of enactment.

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47 STATEMENT

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49 This bill requires each four-year institution of higher education
50 to annually provide to each incoming first-year and transfer student

1 enrolled in an undergraduate degree program of the institution
2 training on affirmative consent and the requirements of the federal
3 Title IX law.

4 Specifically, the student training provided by an institution is
5 required to include, but not be limited to, information on: (1) the
6 responsibility of each person involved in a sexual activity to ensure
7 that the person has the affirmative consent of the involved
8 participants to engage in the sexual activity, and the necessity that
9 each person understand that affirmative consent must be ongoing
10 throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time; (2) the
11 institution's policy to prevent and report sexual assault, domestic
12 violence, dating violence, and stalking; and (3) the reporting and
13 investigatory procedures required under Title IX.

14 An institution may provide the required training in an interactive,
15 online format to incoming first-year students who are enrolled
16 solely in an online learning program.

17 Finally, each institution is required to regularly assess, and if
18 necessary, update, the student training provided to ensure its
19 effectiveness and relevance for students.