

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7100

AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE
TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO VICTIMS IN TITLE IX

Title: PROCEEDINGS.

Vote Date: 3/11/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/4/2025

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee
Rep. Donna Veach, 30 Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would allow victims of sexual assault and intimate partner violence, regardless of if they are a student or employee, to be involved in investigative and administrative hearings conducted by higher education institutions where the accused is a student or employee. This would lead to more transparency from the institutions by mandating that results of Title IX disciplinary proceedings be available to victims.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Connecticut General Assembly, State Representative, Donna Veach](#): Rep. Veach supports this legislation. She explains the proposal she submitted and how this bill builds upon her original intent of creating fairness and equal opportunity for victims who are not students of the institution where the accused is. She states that there is currently a gap where some victims may be unaware of their rights or excluded from the disciplinary process and that this is dangerous in the sense that victims are left without recourse.

[Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, VP of Government & Public Relations, Liza Andrews](#): They state that victim's having the ability to participate in these proceedings

"respects their dignity" and gives opportunity for them to heal. They believe that with this policy change, it could increase victim satisfaction and create a more effective system as far as accountability of perpetrators, and potentially preventing future incidents.

[Michelle Noehren](#): States that this bill will help victims have a voice in the reporting process and hold individuals accountable, which can create safer communities on and off campus.

[Michelle Fischer-Paul](#): States that they have worked with Representative Veach for three years on this proposed legislation. She describes personal experience of her daughter's wherein she was a victim of a violent intimate partner crime but was not a student of the same institution where the assaulter was, so she was unable to learn what his punishment was.

[University of Connecticut, Interim Title IX Coordinator, Sarah Chipman](#): States that this bill would "codify policies and procedures already in place at the University of Connecticut".

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Megan Villanova

Date: 3/19/25