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***Raised Bill No. 7100***

LCO No. 5502



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10a-55m of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2025*):

4 (b) Each institution of higher education shall adopt and disclose in  
5 such institution's annual uniform campus crime report one or more  
6 policies regarding sexual assault, stalking and intimate partner violence.  
7 Such policy or policies shall include provisions for:

8 (1) Informing students and employees that, in the context of an  
9 alleged violation of the policy or policies regarding sexual assault and  
10 intimate partner violence, (A) affirmative consent is the standard used  
11 in determining whether consent to engage in sexual activity was given  
12 by all persons who engaged in the sexual activity, (B) affirmative  
13 consent may be revoked at any time during the sexual activity by any

14 person engaged in the sexual activity, (C) it is the responsibility of each  
15 person to ensure that he or she has the affirmative consent of all persons  
16 engaged in the sexual activity to engage in the sexual activity and that  
17 the affirmative consent is sustained throughout the sexual activity, (D)  
18 it shall not be a valid excuse to an alleged lack of affirmative consent  
19 that the student or employee responding to the alleged violation  
20 believed that the student or employee reporting or disclosing the  
21 alleged violation consented to the sexual activity (i) because the  
22 responding student or employee was intoxicated or reckless or failed to  
23 take reasonable steps to ascertain whether the student or employee  
24 reporting or disclosing the alleged violation affirmatively consented, or  
25 (ii) if the responding student or employee knew or should have known  
26 that the student or employee reporting or disclosing the alleged  
27 violation was unable to consent because such student or employee was  
28 unconscious, asleep, unable to communicate due to a mental or physical  
29 condition, or incapacitated due to the influence of drugs, alcohol or  
30 medication, and (E) the existence of a past or current dating or sexual  
31 relationship between the student or employee reporting or disclosing  
32 the alleged violation and the responding student or employee, in and of  
33 itself, shall not be determinative of a finding of affirmative consent;

34 (2) Detailing the procedures that students and employees of the  
35 institution who report or disclose being the victim of sexual assault,  
36 stalking or intimate partner violence may follow after the commission  
37 of such assault, stalking or violence, regardless of where such incidences  
38 occurred, including persons or agencies to contact and information  
39 regarding the importance of preserving physical evidence of such  
40 assault, stalking or violence;

41 (3) Providing students and employees of the institution who report  
42 or disclose being the victim of sexual assault, stalking or intimate  
43 partner violence both concise, written contact information for and, if  
44 requested, professional assistance in accessing and utilizing campus,  
45 local advocacy, counseling, health and mental health services, and  
46 concise information, written in plain language, concerning the rights of  
47 such students and employees to (A) notify law enforcement of such

48 assault, stalking or violence and receive assistance from campus  
49 authorities in making any such notification, and (B) obtain a protective  
50 order, apply for a temporary restraining order or seek enforcement of  
51 an existing protective or restraining order, including, but not limited to,  
52 orders issued pursuant to section 46b-15, 46b-38c, 53a-40e, 54-1k, 54-82q  
53 or 54-82r, against the perpetrator of such assault, stalking or violence;

54 (4) Notifying such students and employees of any reasonably  
55 available options for and available assistance from such institution in  
56 changing academic, living, campus transportation or working situations  
57 in response to sexual assault, stalking or intimate partner violence;

58 (5) Honoring any lawful protective or temporary restraining orders,  
59 including, but not limited to, orders issued pursuant to section 46b-15,  
60 46b-38c, 53a-40e, 54-1k, 54-82q or 54-82r;

61 (6) Disclosing a summary of such institution's student investigation  
62 and disciplinary procedures, including clear statements advising that  
63 (A) a student or employee who reports or discloses being a victim of  
64 sexual assault, stalking or intimate partner violence shall have the  
65 opportunity to request that an investigation begin promptly, (B) the  
66 investigation and any disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted by  
67 an official trained annually in issues relating to sexual assault, stalking  
68 and intimate partner violence and shall use the preponderance of the  
69 evidence standard in making a determination concerning the alleged  
70 assault, stalking or violence, (C) both the student or employee who  
71 reports or discloses the alleged assault, stalking or violence and the  
72 student responding to such report or disclosure (i) are entitled to be  
73 accompanied to any meeting or proceeding relating to the allegation of  
74 such assault, stalking or violence by an advisor or support person of  
75 their choice, provided the involvement of such advisor or support  
76 person does not result in the postponement or delay of such meeting as  
77 scheduled, and (ii) shall have the opportunity to present evidence and  
78 witnesses on their behalf during any disciplinary proceeding, (D) both  
79 the student or employee reporting or disclosing the alleged assault,  
80 stalking or violence or a victim reporting or disclosing the alleged

81 assault, stalking or violence pursuant to subdivision (9) of this  
82 subsection and such responding student are entitled to be informed in  
83 writing of the results of any disciplinary proceeding not later than one  
84 business day after the conclusion of such proceeding in a manner that  
85 complies with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and  
86 Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g, as amended from time to time, (E) the  
87 institution of higher education shall not disclose the identity of any  
88 party to an investigation or disciplinary proceeding, except as necessary  
89 to carry out the investigation or disciplinary proceeding or as permitted  
90 under state or federal law, (F) a standard of affirmative consent is used  
91 in determining whether consent to engage in sexual activity was given  
92 by all persons who engaged in the sexual activity, and (G) a student or  
93 employee who reports or discloses the alleged assault, stalking or  
94 violence shall not be subject to disciplinary action by the institution of  
95 higher education for violation of a policy of such institution concerning  
96 the use of drugs or alcohol if (i) the report or disclosure was made in  
97 good faith, and (ii) the violation of such policy did not place the health  
98 or safety of another person at risk;

99 (7) Disclosing a summary of such institution's employee investigation  
100 and disciplinary procedures, including clear statements advising that a  
101 standard of affirmative consent is used in determining whether consent  
102 to engage in sexual activity was given by all persons who engaged in  
103 the sexual activity; [and]

104 (8) Disclosing the range of sanctions that may be imposed following  
105 the implementation of such institution's student and employee  
106 disciplinary procedures in response to such assault, stalking or violence;  
107 and

108 (9) Establishing a process by which a victim who (A) is not a student  
109 or employee of such institution, and (B) alleges sexual assault, stalking  
110 or intimate partner violence by a student or employee of such  
111 institution, may report such sexual assault, stalking or intimate partner  
112 violence to such institution and detailing the procedures such victim  
113 may follow to initiate or participate in such institution's investigation

114 and disciplinary proceeding.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-55m(b)

***HED***      *Joint Favorable*