

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 977

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LCO No. **5499** 

Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by: (HED)

## AN ACT PROTECTING PARTICIPANTS IN TITLE IX PROCEEDINGS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. Section 10a-55m of the general statutes is amended by
adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (NEW) (i) Any student or employee of an institution of higher 4 education who (1) reports or discloses having been the victim of sexual 5 assault, stalking or intimate partner violence pursuant to this section, 6 and (2) participates in or provides testimony as part of such institution's 7 investigation or disciplinary procedures arising from such report shall 8 be immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report, 9 disclosure, participation or testimony, except for liability for perjury, 10 unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2025	10a-55m(i)

## Statement of Purpose:

To provide immunity from liability for students and employees of institutions of higher education who report or disclose being a victim of sexual assault, stalking or intimate partner violence and participate or testify in any Title IX investigation or proceedings.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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