

Substitute Bill No. 977

January Session, 2025

General Assembly

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## 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 to such institution that such 5 student or employee has been the victim of sexual assault, stalking or 6 intimate partner violence pursuant to this section, and (2) participates 7 in or provides testimony as part of such institution's investigation or 8 disciplinary procedures arising from such report shall be immune from 9 any civil liability on account of such report, disclosure, participation or 10 testimony, except for liability for perjury, unless such person acted in 11 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)

HED Joint Favorable Subst.

JUD Joint Favorable

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