

H.183, An act relating to sexual violence

Sec. 5. 16 V.S.A. § 2187 is added to read:

§ 2187. INTERCOLLEGIATE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

COUNCIL

(a) Creation. There is created the Intercollegiate Sexual Violence Prevention Council to create a coordinated response to campus sexual harm, including across institutions of higher learning in Vermont.

(b) Membership. The Council shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the Title IX coordinator from each institution of higher learning in Vermont;

(2) a campus-based prevention/education coordinator appointed by the Vermont State Colleges;

(3) a campus-based prevention/education coordinator appointed by the University of Vermont;

(4) a campus-based prevention/education coordinator appointed by the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges;

(5) two community-based sexual violence advocates appointed by the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;

(6) two law enforcement of public safety representatives with experience responding to and investigating campus sexual violence appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety;

(7) two college students appointed by the Center for Crime Victim Services;

(8) a person with expertise in sexual violence responses within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer community appointed by the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services;

(9) a sexual assault nurse examiner appointed by the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; and

(10) a prosecutor from either the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs or the Office of the Attorney General appointed by ...

(c) Duties. The Council shall be responsible for the following:

(1) interdisciplinary planning and information sharing to support sexual violence prevention programs on every college campus in Vermont;

(2) an annual review of aggregate data collected from climate surveys on sexual violence on college campuses in Vermont; and

(3) development and distribution of best practices and recommendations on violence prevention, sexual health education, and strategies for mitigating sexual violence and tertiary violence on college campuses in Vermont.

(d) Assistance. The Council shall have the administrative and technical assistance of the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

(e) Report. On or before December 2022 and annually thereafter, the Council shall submit a written report to the General Assembly with a summary of activities and any recommendations for legislative action.

(f) Meetings.

(1) The Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence shall call the first meeting of the Council to occur on or before September 15, 2021.

(2) The Council shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting.

(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

(4) Members who are not otherwise compensated by the member's employer for attendance at meetings shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence for such purposes.