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2 Senators Lyons, Champion, Chittenden, Hooker, Perchlik and Terenzini  
3 move that the Senate propose to the House that the report of the Committee on  
4 Judiciary be amended by striking out Sec. 6, effective date, in its entirety and  
5 inserting in lieu thereof four new sections to be Secs. 6–9 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 6. 16 V.S.A. § 2187 is added to read:

7 § 2187. INTERCOLLEGIATE SEXUAL HARM PREVENTION

8 COUNCIL

9 (a) Creation. There is created the Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention  
10 Council to create a coordinated response to campus sexual harm across  
11 institutions of higher learning in Vermont.

12 (b) Membership.

13 (1) The Council shall be composed of the following members:

14 (A) a Title IX coordinator and a campus-based sexual harm  
15 prevention/education coordinator from an institution of higher learning,  
16 appointed by the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges;

17 (B) a Title IX coordinator and a campus-based sexual harm  
18 prevention/education coordinator from an institution of higher learning,  
19 appointed by the President of the University of Vermont;

20 (C) a Title IX coordinator and a campus-based sexual harm  
21 prevention/education coordinator from an institution of higher learning,

1 appointed by the President of the Association of Vermont Independent

2 Colleges;

3 (D) two community-based sexual violence advocates, appointed by  
4 the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;

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

8 (F) three college students, at least one of whom has lived experience  
9 as a sexual violence survivor and one who represents a campus-based racial  
10 justice organization, appointed by the Center for Crime Victim Services;

11 (G) a person with expertise in sexual violence responses within the  
12 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community, appointed by the  
13 Center for Crime Victim Services;

14 (H) a sexual assault nurse examiner, appointed by the Network  
15 Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;

16 (I) a prosecutor with experience in prosecuting sexual violence cases  
17 from either the Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs or the Office of  
18 the Attorney General, appointed by the Attorney General; and

19 (J) an attorney with experience in sexual violence cases, appointed by  
20 the Defender General.

1           (2) To ensure a council that is reflective of Vermont’s college campuses,  
2           appointing authorities shall consider diversity when making appointments to  
3           the Council.

4           (c) Duties. The Council shall:

5           (1) Review the recommendations from the Report of the Vermont  
6           Campus Sexual Harm Task Force and develop prevention solutions to sexual  
7           harm based on those recommendations.

8           (2) Implement interdisciplinary planning and information sharing to  
9           support sexual violence prevention programs on every college campus in  
10          Vermont.

11          (3) Undertake an annual review of trends in aggregate data collected by  
12          institutions of higher learning regarding sexual violence on college campuses  
13          in Vermont.

14          (4) Identify and share effective practices on violence prevention, sexual  
15          health education, and strategies for mitigating sexual harm and secondary  
16          impacts of sexual harm on college campuses in Vermont.

17          (5) Identify campus-wide activities, publications, and services that  
18          promote a campus culture of respect to support the prevention of sexual harm.

19          (6) Recommend statutory protections to the General Assembly not later  
20          than November 1, 2021 to ensure that survivors of sexual harm are not

1 punished for reporting an incident of sexual violence due to alcohol, drug use,  
2 or other minor conduct violations occurring at or around the time of an assault.

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

5 (e) Report. On or before December 1, 2022 and annually thereafter, the  
6 Council shall submit a written report to the General Assembly with a summary  
7 of activities and any recommendations for legislative action.

8 (f) Meetings.

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

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

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

14 (4) The Council shall meet quarterly.

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

1       Sec. 7. REPEAL

2           16 V.S.A. § 2187 (Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention Council) is  
3       repealed on July 1, 2025.

4       Sec. 8. APPROPRIATIONS

5           (a) In fiscal year 2022, \$11,990.00 is appropriated to the Center for Crime  
6       Victim Services to provide a grant for the purpose of staffing the  
7       Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention Council.

8           (b) In fiscal year 2022, \$1,010.00 is appropriated to the Center for Crime  
9       Victim Services to provide for per diem compensation and reimbursement of  
10       expenses for members who are not otherwise compensated by the member's  
11       employer for attendance at meetings.

12       Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATES

13           (a) This section and Secs. 6 (Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention  
14       Council) and 8 (Appropriations) shall take effect on passage.

15           (b) The remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2021.