

1 The Committee on Education has reviewed House Bill No. 183 entitled “An
2 act relating to sexual violence” at the request of the Committee on Judiciary
3 and respectfully recommends that the report of the Committee on Judiciary be
4 amended by adding Secs. 6–8 to read as follows:

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

6 § 2187. INTERCOLLEGIATE SEXUAL HARM PREVENTION

7 COUNCIL

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

11 (b) Membership.

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

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

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

1 (C) a Title IX coordinator and a campus-based prevention/education
2 coordinator from an institution of higher learning appointed by the President of
3 the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges;

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (J) an attorney with experience in sexual violence cases appointed by
2 the Defender General.

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

6 (c) Duties. The Council shall:

7 (1) review the recommendations from the Report of the Vermont
8 Campus Sexual Harm Task Force and develop prevention solutions to sexual
9 harm based on those recommendations;

10 (2) implement interdisciplinary planning and information sharing to
11 support sexual violence prevention programs on every college campus in
12 Vermont;

13 (3) undertake an annual review of trends in aggregate data collected by
14 institutions of higher learning regarding sexual violence on college campuses
15 in Vermont;

16 (4) identify and share effective practices on violence prevention, sexual
17 health education, and strategies for mitigating sexual violence and tertiary
18 violence on college campuses in Vermont;

1 (5) identify campus wide activities, publications, and services that
2 promote a campus culture of respect to support in the prevention of sexual
3 violence; and

4 (6) recommend statutory protections to the General Assembly no later
5 than November 1, 2021 to ensure that survivors of sexual harm are not
6 punished for reporting an incident of sexual violence due to alcohol, drug use,
7 or other minor conduct violations occurring at or around the time of an assault.

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

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

13 (f) Meetings.

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

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

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

19 (4) The Council shall meet quarterly.

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

6 Sec. 7. REPEAL

7 16 V.S.A. § 2187 (Intercollegiate Sexual Violence Prevention Council) is
8 repealed on July 1, 2025.

9 Sec. 8. APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

17 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 (a) This section and Sec. 6 and 8 shall take effect on passage.

19 (b) The remaining sections of this act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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1 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE