

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 sexual harm
14 prevention/education coordinator from an institution of higher learning,
15 appointed by the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges;

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

19 (C) a Title IX coordinator and a campus-based sexual harm
20 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) two 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 Vermont 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
2 campuses, appointing authorities shall consider diversity when making
3 appointments to 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 violence and tertiary
16 violence 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
19 violence.

20 (6) Recommend statutory protections to the General Assembly not later
21 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 Violence 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.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE