

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Education to which was referred House Bill No. 931
3 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous changes in education law”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: By striking out Sec. 13, 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 7 (class
7 size minimums), and its reader assistance heading in their entirety and
8 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 13 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 13. [Deleted.]

10 Second: By striking out Sec. 16, effective date, and its reader assistance
11 heading in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 16 and a Sec.
12 17 and their reader assistance headings to read as follows:

13 * * * Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention Council * * *

14 Sec. 16. 16 V.S.A. § 183 is amended to read:

15 § 183. INTERCOLLEGIATE SEXUAL HARM PREVENTION COUNCIL

16 (a) Creation. There is created the Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention
17 Council to ~~create a coordinated~~ advance best practices for prevention of and
18 response to campus sexual harm across institutions of higher learning in
19 Vermont.

20 (b) Membership.

21 (4) The Council shall be composed of the following members:

1 ~~(A)(1) a the Title IX coordinator and a campus-based sexual harm~~
2 ~~prevention/education coordinator from an institution of higher learning,~~
3 ~~appointed by the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges or designee from~~
4 ~~each postsecondary school chartered in Vermont with a physical campus~~
5 ~~located within Vermont;~~

6 ~~(B)(2) a Title IX coordinator and a campus-based sexual harm~~
7 ~~prevention/education coordinator from an institution of higher learning,~~
8 ~~appointed by the President of the University of Vermont a peer educator or~~
9 ~~advocate appointed by the Vice Provost for Student Affairs of the University~~
10 ~~of Vermont;~~

11 ~~(C)(3) a Title IX coordinator and a campus-based sexual harm~~
12 ~~prevention/education coordinator from an institution of higher learning,~~
13 ~~appointed by the President of the Association of Vermont Independent~~
14 ~~Colleges the Executive Director of the Network Against Domestic and Sexual~~
15 ~~Violence or designee;~~

16 ~~(D)(4) two community-based sexual violence advocates, appointed~~
17 ~~by the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence the Program~~
18 ~~Coordinator of the Vermont Forensic Nursing Program or designee; and~~

19 ~~(E)(5) two law enforcement or public safety representatives with~~
20 ~~experience responding to and investigating campus sexual violence, appointed~~

1 ~~by the Commissioner of Public Safety; the Commissioner of Public Safety or~~
2 ~~designee.~~

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

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

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

11 ~~(I) a prosecutor with experience in prosecuting sexual violence cases~~
12 ~~from either the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs or the Office of~~
13 ~~the Attorney General, appointed by the Attorney General; and~~

14 ~~(J) an attorney with experience in sexual violence cases, appointed by~~
15 ~~the Defender General.~~

16 ~~(2) To ensure a council that is reflective of Vermont's college campuses,~~
17 ~~appointing authorities shall consider diversity when making appointments to~~
18 ~~the Council.~~

19 (c) Duties. The Council shall:

1 (1) ~~review the recommendations from the Report of the Vermont~~
2 ~~Campus Sexual Harm Task Force and develop prevention solutions to sexual~~
3 ~~harm based on those recommendations; [Repealed.]~~

4 (2) ~~implement interdisciplinary planning and information sharing to~~
5 ~~support sexual violence prevention programs on every college campus in~~
6 ~~Vermont; [Repealed.]~~

7 (3) ~~undertake an annual review of trends in aggregate data collected by~~
8 ~~institutions of higher learning regarding sexual violence on college campuses~~
9 ~~in Vermont; [Repealed.]~~

10 (4) ~~identify and share~~ information about effective practices ~~on~~ regarding
11 sexual violence prevention and response, sexual health education, and
12 strategies for mitigating sexual harm and secondary impacts of sexual harm on
13 college campuses in Vermont;

14 (5) ~~identify~~ share information about campus-wide activities,
15 publications, and services that promote a campus culture of respect to support
16 the prevention of sexual harm;

17 (6) ~~recommend statutory protections to the General Assembly not later~~
18 ~~than November 1, 2021 to ensure that survivors of sexual harm are not~~
19 ~~punished for reporting an incident of sexual violence due to alcohol, drug use,~~
20 ~~or other minor conduct violations occurring at or around the time of an assault;~~
21 ~~and [Repealed.]~~

1 (7) ~~create or promote annual~~ share information about training
2 opportunities addressing prevention and sexual assault response processes
3 ~~open to representatives from all Vermont postsecondary schools~~ for college
4 populations.

5 (d) ~~Assistance. The Council shall have the administrative and technical~~
6 ~~assistance of the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. [Repealed.]~~

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

10 (f) Meetings.

11 (1) The Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence shall call the
12 first meeting of the Council to occur on or before ~~July 15, 2024~~ November 15,
13 2026.

14 (2) The Council shall select ~~a chair~~ co-chairs from among its members
15 at the first meeting, with one chair representing a public postsecondary school
16 and one chair representing a private postsecondary school.

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

18 (4) The Council shall meet ~~quarterly~~ twice per year.

19 (5) ~~Members who are not otherwise compensated by the member's~~
20 ~~employer for attendance at meetings shall be entitled to per diem compensation~~
21 ~~and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010. These~~

1 ~~payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Network Against~~
2 ~~Domestic and Sexual Violence for such purposes~~ The co-chairs shall provide
3 the Council with administrative support.

4 (6) The Council may invite or consult other community representatives
5 as it deems appropriate.

6 * * * Effective Date * * *

7 Sec. 17. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE