AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION - REPORTING OF CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Tanzi, and Regunberg

Date Introduced: January 08, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 16 of the General Laws entitled "EDUCATION" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 76.2

SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

16-76.2-1. "Sexual assault" defined. -- As used in this chapter, "sexual assault" means first degree sexual assault as defined in § 11-37-2; second degree sexual assault as defined in § 11-37-4; and/or third degree sexual assault as defined in § 11-37-6.

16-76.2-2. Mandatory report of sexual assault to law enforcement by institutions of higher education. -- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any statute, rule or regulation to the contrary, in the event that an institution of higher education receives a report of an alleged sexual assault made by a student enrolled in the institution or made by an employee of the institution against another such student or employee, the institution shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the allegation.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to preclude, or in any way restrict, an institution of higher education from responding to and investigating an allegation of sexual assault made pursuant to this section for the purpose of imposing disciplinary action on the alleged perpetrator of the assault.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This act would require institutions of higher education to report allegations of sexual assault to law enforcement.

2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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