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Campus Accountability and Safety Act

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Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 1, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 1, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 21, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 5, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 26, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Dec 4, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 5, 2017

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1949	Identical bill	Apr 26, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Summary (as of Apr 5, 2017)

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This bill addresses sexual harassment, sexual assault, and other violence and harassment on the campuses of colleges and universities.

The bill amends provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965 known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to expand reporting requirements included in the annual campus security report provided to current and prospective students and employees. Specifically, the report must include information about: (1) the institutions coordination with local law enforcement about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking occurring against its students or against other individuals on its campus; (2) statistics about certain criminal offenses reported to campus security authorities or local police, including rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape; and (3) information about how the institution is addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Department of Education (ED) must administer and publish the campus-level results of a biannual survey of students regarding their experiences with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Each institution must establish a campus security policy that meets certain requirements with respect to: (1) assisting survivors; (2) training individuals who are involved in implementing the student grievance procedures or who are responsible for interviewing survivors; and (3) establishing a uniform process for student disciplinary proceedings relating to any claims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking or a sexual misconduct policy violation against a student.

ED and the Department of Justice may impose civil penalties for failure to meet certain requirements under this bill.

The bill also authorizes grants to address these issues.

Actions Timeline

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