



|| SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA || BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 202 Printer's No. 169

Prime Sponsor: Senator Schwank
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

This bill amends the act of November 29, 2004 (P.L. 1383, No. 180), known as the Uniform Crime Reporting Act, to require institutions of higher learning to report the number of sexual assaults that occur on campus and to provide certain information to students and victims.

SUMMARY:

This bill, which is modeled on the federal Clery Act, requires all post-secondary colleges and universities to adopt a policy that informs students and employees of the rights of victims and the responsibilities of witnesses of sexual assault. The policy must include the contact information for local medical, mental health, and legal services and the procedures that a victim should follow after an incident of sexual assault. The bill also requires institutions of higher learning to offer a program on prevention and awareness of sexual assault.

Under this bill, institutions of higher learning would be required to report annually the number of valid complaints of sexual assault. The report must also include a description of programs available to students and employees concerning the institution's security procedures and practices relating to sexual assault.

Effective Date: This bill is effective in 180 days.

BILL HISTORY:

There is no bill history during this legislative session.

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