

Amendment to HB 705-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to sexual assault, sexual misconduct in institutions of higher education, and
4 the rights of victims of crime.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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8 1 Short Title. Sections 1-10 of this act shall be known as the Crime Victims' Rights
9 Enhancement Act of 2020.
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11 Amend section 8 of the bill by replacing subparagraph I(b) with the following:

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13 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the senate president.
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15 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 10 with the following:

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17 11 Limitation of Actions; Actions Based on Sexual Assault and Related Offenses. Amend RSA
18 508:4-g to read as follows:

19 508:4-g Actions Based on Sexual Assault and Related Offenses. A person, alleging to have been
20 subjected to any offense under RSA 632-A or an offense under RSA 639:2~~[-who was under 18 years~~
21 ~~of age when the alleged offense occurred, may commence a personal action based on the incident~~
22 ~~within the later of:~~

23 I. ~~Twelve years of the person's eighteenth birthday; or~~

24 II. ~~Three years of the time the plaintiff discovers, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence~~
25 ~~should have discovered, the injury and its causal relationship to the act or omission complained of]~~
26 **may commence a personal action at any time.**

27 12 Bodily Injury Actions Against Governmental Units; Limitation on Actions. Amend RSA 507-
28 B:7 to read as follows:

29 507-B:7 Limitation on Actions.

30 ***I. Except as provided in paragraph II,*** no actions shall be maintained against the
31 governmental unit under this chapter unless the same is commenced within 3 years after the time of
32 injury or damage, except that when the injury and its causal relationship to the act or omission were

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not discovered and could not reasonably have been discovered at the time of the act or omission, the action shall be commenced within 3 years of the time the plaintiff discovers, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have discovered, the injury and its causal relationship to the act or omission complained of. As a condition precedent to commencement of the action, the clerk of the governmental unit shall be notified by registered mail within 60 days after the time of the injury or damage or discovery of the injury or damage, if it could not reasonably have been discovered at the time of the occurrence of the injury or damage, as to the date, time and location where the injury or damage occurred, and provided that in any case where lack of written notice, actual knowledge or reasonable opportunity to obtain knowledge of any injury or damage within the 60-day period is alleged by the governmental unit, the burden of proof shall be on the governmental unit to show that it was substantially prejudiced thereby.

II. A person, alleging to have been subjected to any offense under RSA 632-A or an offense under RSA 639:2 by a governmental unit, may commence an action at any time after the injury or damage occurs. The requirement for notification to the clerk of the governmental unit shall not apply to an action based on an offense under RSA 632-A or RSA 639:2.

13 Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault. Amend RSA 632-A:2, I(h) to read as follows:

(h) When~~[-except as between legally married spouses,]~~ the victim has a disability that renders him or her incapable of freely arriving at an independent choice as to whether or not to engage in sexual conduct, and the actor knows or has reason to know that the victim has such a disability.

14 Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault. Amend RSA 632-A:2, I(j)-(k) to read as follows:

(j) When~~[-except as between legally married spouses,]~~ the victim is 13 years of age or older and under 16 years of age and:

- (1) the actor is a member of the same household as the victim; or
- (2) the actor is related by blood or affinity to the victim.

(k) When~~[-except as between legally married spouses,]~~ the victim is 13 years of age or older and under 18 years of age and the actor is in a position of authority over the victim and uses this authority to coerce the victim to submit.

15 Felonious Sexual Assault. Amend RSA 632-A:3, II-III to read as follows:

II. Engages in sexual penetration with a person~~[-other than his legal spouse,]~~ who is 13 years of age or older and under 16 years of age where the age difference between the actor and the other person is 4 years or more; or

III. Engages in sexual contact with a person ~~[other than his legal spouse]~~ who is under 13 years of age.

16 Sexual Assault. Amend RSA 632-A:4, I(b) and (c) to read as follows:

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1 (b) When the actor subjects another person~~[-other than the actor's legal spouse,]~~ who is
2 13 years of age or older and under 16 years of age to sexual contact where the age difference between
3 the actor and the other person is 5 years or more.

4 (c) In the absence of any of the circumstances set forth in RSA 632-A:2, when the actor
5 engages in sexual penetration with a person~~[-other than the actor's legal spouse,]~~ who is 13 years of
6 age or older and under 16 years of age where the age difference between the actor and the other
7 person is 4 years or less.

8 17 New Chapter; Over-the-Counter Rape Test Kit. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 359-Q
9 the following new chapter:

10 CHAPTER 359-R

11 OVER-THE-COUNTER RAPE TEST KIT

12 359-R:1 Sale of Over-the-Counter Rape Test Kit Prohibited.

13 I. No person shall sell or offer for sale in the state of New Hampshire an over-the-counter
14 rape test kit. Any person who sells a kit in violation of this section shall be guilty of a violation and
15 shall be fined not more than \$1,000 for each offense.

16 II. In this section, an "over-the-counter rape test kit" means a sexual assault forensic exam
17 kit for sale to members of the public, that allows an individual to independently collect evidence of a
18 sexual assault outside of a hospital or other designated health care setting.

19 III. Nothing in this section shall affect any right of action under RSA 358-A.

20 18 New Chapter; Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education. Amend RSA by
21 inserting after chapter 188-G the following new chapter:

22 CHAPTER 188-H

23 SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

24 Adoption of Policies

25 188-H:1 Definitions. In this subdivision:

26 I. "Commission" means the higher education commission established in RSA 21-N:8-a.

27 II. "Director" means the director of the department of education, division of educator support
28 and higher education.

29 III. "Division" means the department of education, division of educator support and higher
30 education.

31 IV. "Institution of higher education" means a public, private, non-profit, or for-profit school
32 chartered, incorporated, or otherwise organized in this state legally authorized to award a degree at
33 an associate level or above with an established physical presence in this state.

34 V. "Reporting party" means a student or employee who reports having experienced an
35 incident of sexual misconduct to the institution.

36 VI. "Responding party" means a student or employee who has been accused of an alleged
37 incident of sexual misconduct.

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VII. "Student" means an individual who is enrolled at least half-time in a credit-bearing program through a public or private degree-granting postsecondary institution of higher education whether part-time, full-time, or as an extension student, or who has taken a leave of absence or who has withdrawn due to being a victim of sexual misconduct.

VIII. "Sexual misconduct" means an incident of sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, gender-based violence, violence based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, sexual assault or harassment, or stalking, as defined by each institution in its code of conduct, in a manner consistent with applicable federal definitions.

188-H:2 Adoption of Policies Required.

I. Each institution of higher education shall adopt a policy on sexual misconduct, consistent with applicable state and federal law, which shall be publicly available on campus in locations where students regularly congregate including, but not limited to, dining and recreational facilities, libraries, bookstores, student unions and student centers, and the common areas of dormitories and other student housing locations, and shall be made available, upon request, to an applicant, student, or employee of the institution and shall be publicly available on the institution's website in an accessible format not later than the first week of classes in each academic year. The institution shall update the website annually. The policy shall be trauma-informed, and shall be developed in coordination with the institution's Title IX coordinator, and the local rape crisis center or domestic violence center. In addition, the institution may consider input from various internal and external entities including, but not limited to institutional administrators, personnel affiliated with on-campus and off-campus health care centers, personnel affiliated with on-campus, when available, and local, confidential resources advisors, residence life staff, students, the division of state police, and the police department and the county attorney having jurisdiction in the city or town where the institution's primary campus is located. The policy shall be developed in a culturally competent manner in order to reflect the diverse needs of all students. The policy shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Procedures by which students and employees at the institution may report or disclose alleged incidents of sexual misconduct regardless of where the offense occurred.

(b) Information on where to receive immediate emergency assistance following an alleged incident of sexual misconduct which shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) The name and location of the nearest medical facility where an individual may request that a medical forensic exam be administered by a trained sexual violence forensic health care provider, including information on transportation options and information on reimbursement for travel costs, if any.

(2) The contact information for a rape crisis center and a domestic violence center and a description of the services provided by such centers.

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1 (3) The telephone number and website for a national 24-hour hotline, as well as any
2 state or local resources, that provides information on sexual misconduct.

3 (4) Information on any programs that may financially assist a student with the cost
4 of emergency medical assistance.

5 (c) Descriptions of and contact information for the types of counseling and health, safety,
6 academic, and other support services available within the local community or region or through a
7 rape crisis center or domestic violence center, or the name and contact information for organizations
8 that support students accused of sexual misconduct, which shall include but not be limited to the
9 name and contact information for a confidential resources advisor and a description of the role of and
10 services provided by the confidential resources advisor and the name and contact information for the
11 institution's Title IX coordinator.

12 (d) The rights and obligations of students and employees to:

13 (1) Notify or decline to notify law enforcement, including campus, local and state
14 police, of an alleged incident of sexual misconduct.

15 (2) Receive assistance from campus authorities in making any such notification.

16 (3) Obtain a court- or institution-issued protective order against a responding party
17 of the incident of sexual misconduct.

18 (e) The process for requesting supportive measures reasonably available from the
19 institution which shall include, but not be limited to, options for changing academic, living, campus
20 transportation, or working arrangements or taking a leave of absence in response to an alleged
21 incident of sexual misconduct, how to request those changes, and the process to have any such
22 measures reviewed.

23 (f) The contact information for the closest local, state, and federal law enforcement
24 agencies with jurisdiction over matters involving sexual misconduct and procedures for students to
25 notify the institution that a protective order has been issued under state or federal law and the
26 institution's responsibilities upon receipt of such notice.

27 (g) A summary of the institution's procedures for investigating, adjudicating, and
28 resolving sexual misconduct complaints, including an explanation of all procedures which shall be
29 followed to obtain investigatory reports and gather evidence, and potential sanctions which may be
30 imposed, as well as clear statements advising students that:

31 (1) The process shall be uniformly applied for all disciplinary proceedings relating to
32 any claims of sexual misconduct.

33 (2) Timely and detailed notice shall be given, upon such time as the institution
34 decides to proceed with an institutional disciplinary process, to the reporting party and the
35 responding party describing the date, time, and location, if known, and a summary of the factual
36 allegations concerning the violation.

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1 (3) An investigation, including any hearings and resulting disciplinary proceedings,
2 shall be conducted by an individual who receives not less than annual training on issues relating to
3 sexual misconduct, investigatory procedures and hearing procedures to protect the safety and rights
4 of students and promote accountability, objectivity, impartiality, and a trauma-informed response.

5 (4) The reporting party of an alleged incident of sexual misconduct and the
6 responding party may be accompanied by an advisor or support person of their choice, which may
7 include an advocate or counsel, to meet with the institution's investigator or other fact finder and
8 may consult with an advisor or support person, which may include an advocate or counsel, during
9 any meetings and disciplinary proceedings; provided, however, that the institution may establish
10 rules regarding how the proceedings will be conducted which may include guidelines on the extent to
11 which the advisor or support person for each party may participate in a meeting or disciplinary
12 proceeding and any limitations on participation which shall apply equally to both parties; and
13 provided further, that the institution shall adopt reasonable measures to provide for the involvement
14 of the advisor or support person for each party but the availability of the advisor or support person
15 shall not significantly delay a meeting or disciplinary proceeding.

16 (5) The reporting party and the responding party shall be provided with a copy of the
17 institution's policies regarding the submission and consideration of evidence that may be used
18 during a disciplinary proceeding and shall have equal opportunity to present evidence and witnesses
19 on their behalf during a disciplinary proceeding; provided, however, that each party shall be
20 provided with timely and equal access to all relevant evidence that shall be used in the
21 determination of a discipline.

22 (6) There shall be restrictions on evidence considered by the fact finder including,
23 but not limited to, the use of evidence of prior sexual activity or character witnesses.

24 (7) The reporting party and the responding party shall be informed in writing of the
25 results of a disciplinary proceeding not later than 7 business days after a final determination of a
26 complaint, not including any time for appeal, unless good cause for additional time is shown, and
27 they shall be informed of any process for appealing the decision.

28 (8) If an institution offers an appeal as a result of procedural errors, previously
29 unavailable relevant evidence that could significantly impact the outcome of a case or where the
30 sanction is disproportionate to the findings, the reporting party and the responding party shall be
31 provided with an equal opportunity to appeal decisions regarding responsibility or sanctions.

32 (9) The institution shall not publicly disclose the identity of the reporting party and
33 the responding party, except as necessary to carry out a disciplinary process or as permitted under
34 state or federal law.

35 (10) The institution's disciplinary proceedings shall not serve as a substitute for the
36 criminal justice process.

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1 (h) A summary of the institution's employee disciplinary process as it pertains to sexual
2 misconduct.

3 (i) The range of sanctions or penalties the institution may impose on students and
4 employees found responsible for a violation of the applicable institutional policy prohibiting acts of
5 sexual misconduct.

6 II. Each institution of higher education shall provide draft policies and substantive changes
7 by electronic or regular mail to internal and external entities, with instructions on how to comment
8 and a reasonable length of time in which comments will be accepted. However, once an institution
9 has adopted such policies as required by this section, the opportunity for review and comment by
10 internal and external entities shall only apply to substantive changes in those policies.

11 188-H:3 Notice of Rights. Each institution of higher education shall provide both the accuser
12 and the responding party with written notice of the institution's decision to proceed with an
13 institutional disciplinary process regarding an allegation of sexual misconduct sufficiently in
14 advance of a disciplinary hearing to provide both the reporting and responding parties with the
15 opportunity to meaningfully exercise their rights to a proceeding that is prompt, fair, and impartial;
16 which shall include the opportunity to both parties to present witnesses and other evidence, and any
17 other due process rights afforded to them under institutional policy. The written notice shall include
18 the information required to be posted on the institution's website pursuant to this chapter.

19 Sexual Misconduct Climate Surveys and Task Force

20 188-H:4 Sexual Misconduct Climate Surveys. Each institution of higher education shall
21 biennially conduct a sexual misconduct climate survey of all students at said institution. Each
22 institution's sexual misconduct climate survey shall include a base set of common questions
23 recommended by the task force on sexual misconduct and approved by the director, hereinafter
24 described as the "base survey." The director shall provide a copy of the base sexual misconduct
25 climate survey to all institutions biennially. Each institution shall also be permitted to append their
26 own campus-specific questions to the base survey, provided that these questions do not require the
27 disclosure of any personally-identifying information and are not unnecessarily traumatizing for
28 victims of sexual violence. Within 120 days after completion of a sexual misconduct climate survey,
29 each institution shall submit a summary of the results to the director and shall also post a summary
30 of the results on the institution's website in an easily accessible manner.

31 188-H:5 Task Force on Sexual Misconduct.

32 I. There shall be a task force on sexual misconduct at institutions of higher education. The
33 task force shall consist of the following members:

34 (a) The chancellor of the university system of New Hampshire, or designee.

35 (b) The chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire, or designee.

36 (c) The director of higher education, division of educator support and higher education,
37 department of education, or designee.

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1 (d) Two representatives of the private 4-year colleges in New Hampshire, with not more
2 than one representative from any such college, appointed by the governor and council on
3 recommendation by the New Hampshire College and University Council.

4 (e) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Campus Law Enforcement
5 Administrators, or designee.

6 (f) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

7 (g) The attorney general, or designee.

8 (h) The following members, who shall be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall
9 be a student attending a public institution of higher education in this state; one of whom shall be a
10 student attending a private institution of higher education in this state; one of whom shall be a
11 student attending an institution in the community college system of New Hampshire; one of whom
12 shall be a representative of the university of New Hampshire recommended by the president of the
13 university; 3 of whom shall be representatives recommended by the New Hampshire Coalition
14 Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; one of whom shall be a representative recommended by the
15 New Hampshire Campus Consortium Against Sexual and Interpersonal Violence; one of whom shall
16 be a researcher with experience in the development and design of sexual misconduct climate
17 surveys; one of whom shall be a researcher of statistics, data analytics, or econometrics with
18 experience in higher education survey analysis; one of whom shall be a representative of the
19 Prevention Innovations Research Center at the University of New Hampshire; and one of whom
20 shall represent Every Voice New Hampshire.

21 II. The task force shall develop a base sexual misconduct climate survey for distribution to
22 institutions of higher education and provide such institutions with any related recommendations
23 respecting the content, timing, and application of the survey. The task force shall deliver its base
24 survey and related recommendations, including but not limited to, recommendations on achieving
25 statistically valid response rates, to each institution of higher education no less often than biennially
26 and for the first time by March 31, 2021.

27 III. In developing the base sexual misconduct climate survey, the task force shall:

28 (a) Utilize best practices from peer-reviewed research and consult with individuals with
29 expertise in the development and use of sexual misconduct climate surveys by institutions of higher
30 education.

31 (b) Review sexual misconduct climate surveys which have been developed and previously
32 utilized by institutions.

33 (c) Provide opportunities for written comment from organizations that work directly
34 with victims and survivors of sexual misconduct to ensure the adequacy and appropriateness of the
35 proposed content.

36 (d) Consult with institutions on strategies for optimizing the effectiveness of the survey.

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1 (e) Account for the diverse needs and differences of the state's institutions of higher
2 education.

3 IV. The base sexual misconduct climate surveys shall gather information on topics that may
4 include, but shall not be limited to:

5 (a) The number of incidents, both reported and unreported, of sexual misconduct at the
6 institution of higher education.

7 (b) When and where incidents of sexual misconduct occurred.

8 (c) Student awareness of institutional policies and procedures related to campus sexual
9 misconduct.

10 (d) Whether a student reported the sexual misconduct, and if so, to which campus
11 resource or law enforcement agency such report was made, and, if not, the reason for the student's
12 decision not to report.

13 (e) Whether a student was informed of or referred to local, state, campus or other
14 resources, or victim support services, including appropriate medical care and legal services.

15 (f) Whether a student was provided the option of protection from retaliation, access to
16 school-based accommodations, and criminal justice remedies.

17 (g) Contextual factors, such as the involvement of force, incapacitation, or coercion.

18 (h) Demographic information that could be used to identify at-risk groups including but
19 not limited to gender.

20 (i) Perceptions of campus safety among members of the campus community and
21 confidence in the institution's ability to protect against and respond to incidents of sexual
22 misconduct.

23 (j) Whether the student has chosen to withdraw or taken a leave of absence from the
24 institution or transferred to another institution due to either being the reporting party or responding
25 party in an allegation of sexual misconduct.

26 (k) Whether the student has withdrawn from any classes or been placed on academic
27 probation as a result of the incident.

28 (l) Other questions as determined by the task force.

29 V. The base sexual misconduct climate survey shall collect anonymous responses and shall
30 not provide the disclosure of any identifying information.

31 VI. There shall be established within the division a data repository for all summaries of
32 sexual misconduct climate surveys submitted by institutions of higher education to the division in
33 accordance with this section. An institution of higher education shall submit its sexual misconduct
34 climate survey, accompanied by the anonymized raw data supporting such survey, to the director.
35 The director shall ensure that the sexual misconduct climate survey data submitted by all
36 institutions will be available to the public in an easily accessible manner on the division's website.

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1 VII. Each institution of higher education shall publish on the institution's website in an
2 easily accessible manner:

3 (a) The results of the survey.

4 (b) The annual security report required under 20 U.S.C. section 1092, otherwise known
5 as the Clery Act.

6 (c) A link to the division's statewide data on sexual misconduct climate survey data as
7 set forth in paragraph VIII.

8 VIII. The director shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, including deadlines for
9 dissemination and collection of survey information, consistent with the purposes of this statute, and
10 shall promote the effective solicitation to achieve the highest practical response rate, collection, and
11 publication of statistical information gathered from the state's institutions of higher education.

12 Collaboration With Law Enforcement

13 188-H:6 Collaboration With Law Enforcement.

14 I. Each institution of higher education shall adopt policies and procedures with the local law
15 enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction over the city or town wherein the institution's
16 primary campus is located to establish the respective roles and responsibilities of each party related
17 to the prevention of and response to on-campus and off-campus sexual misconduct. Institutions of
18 higher education and local law enforcement agencies shall develop policies and procedures that
19 comply with all applicable state and federal confidentiality and privacy laws and:

20 (a) Delineate sharing protocols for investigative responsibilities.

21 (b) Provide protocols for investigations, including standards for notification and
22 communication and measures to promote evidence preservation.

23 (c) Coordinate training, programing, and requirements on issues related to sexual
24 misconduct.

25 (d) Ensure that reporting parties are able to move safely and comfortably between
26 classes, extracurriculars, sports, and campus jobs.

27 (e) Develop a protocol for sharing information about specific crimes, which may include a
28 mechanism for sharing information anonymously, that:

29 (1) Requires that the reporting party authorized or requested that such information
30 be shared and is fully and accurately informed about what procedures shall occur if the information
31 is shared; and

32 (2) Is carried out in a manner that is consistent with the General Education
33 Provisions Act, 20 U.S.C. section 1221, and any other applicable provisions under state law.

34 (f) Establish the methods for sharing the Clery Act reporting requirements and for
35 facilitating the issuance of timely warnings and emergency notifications required by the Clery Act
36 relative to crimes that may pose a serious threat to the campus or near campus communities.

37 (g) Develop methods for notifying the appropriate county attorney's office.

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1 (h) Update such policies and procedures biennially.

2 II. The commission may waive the requirements of this section in the case of an institution
3 that demonstrates that it acted in good faith but was unable to adopt joint policies and procedures
4 with the local law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction over the city or town wherein the
5 institution's primary campus is located.

6 III. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a member of the department
7 of state police or a local police department who acts as a first responder to a report of sexual
8 misconduct at an institution of higher education shall receive training in the awareness of dating
9 violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and in trauma-informed response, subject to
10 appropriation.

11 **Confidential Resource Advisors**

12 188-H:7 Confidential Resource Advisors.

13 I. Each institution of higher education shall establish a campus security policy that includes
14 the designation of at least one confidential resource advisor. The confidential resource advisor:

15 (a) May have another role at the institution;

16 (b) Shall not be a student or a Title IX coordinator; and

17 (c) Shall be appointed based on experience and a demonstrated ability of the individual
18 to effectively provide victim services related to sexual misconduct.

19 II. The institution shall designate existing categories of employees that may serve as
20 confidential resource advisors. The designation of an existing category of employees shall not
21 preclude the institution from designating a new or existing employee as a confidential resource
22 advisor or in another confidential role. An institution may partner with a local, state, or national
23 victim advocacy organization to provide a confidential resource advisor under this section. An
24 institution that enrolls fewer than 1,000 residential students may partner with another institution
25 or rape crisis center within the state to provide the services under this section. An institution shall
26 ensure that any partnership entered into under this paragraph shall result in a confidential resource
27 advisor being available to students within a reasonable distance to the student's institution.

28 III. The confidential resource advisor shall receive training in the awareness and prevention
29 of sexual misconduct and in trauma-informed response and coordinate with on-campus and off-
30 campus rape crisis centers and domestic violence centers within a reasonable time after being
31 designated as a confidential resource advisor.

32 IV. The confidential resource advisor shall inform the student or employee, or provide
33 resources about how to obtain, including in written format:

34 (a) Reporting options and the effects of each option.

35 (b) Counseling services available on campus and through a local rape crisis center or
36 domestic violence center.

37 (c) Medical and health services available on campus and off campus.

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(d) Campus escort services for security.

(e) Available academic and residence life accommodations.

(f) Student loan counseling for students considering temporary permanent withdrawal or half time enrollment regarding loan deferment, forbearance, or other student loan programs.

(g) The investigative and disciplinary process of the institution.

(h) The legal process carried out through local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

(i) That the institution's disciplinary process is not to be considered a substitute for the criminal justice process.

(j) Any limits on the ability of the confidential resource advisor to provide privacy or confidentiality to the student.

V. The confidential resource advisor:

(a) May, if appropriate and if directed by the reporting party, assist the reporting party in contacting or reporting to campus or local law enforcement agencies.

(b) Shall notify the student of their rights and the institution's responsibilities regarding a protection order, no contact order, and any other lawful orders issued by the institution or by a criminal, civil, or tribal court.

(c) Shall not be required to report an incident to the institution or a law enforcement agency unless otherwise required to do so by state or federal law and shall provide confidential services to students and employees.

(d) May attend an administrative or institution-based adjudication proceeding as the advisor or support person of the student's or employee's choice.

(e) Shall not disclose confidential information without the prior written consent of the student or employee who shared the information.

(f) Shall not provide services to more than one party in an incident and shall ensure confidentiality is maintained.

VI. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit either party's right of cross examination of the advisor in a civil or criminal proceeding if the advisor testifies after written consent has been given. A confidential resource advisor shall not act as a counselor or therapist unless the confidential resource advisor is licensed as a counselor in this state and the reporting party engages the confidential resource advisor in that capacity.

VII. Notice to a confidential resource advisor of an alleged act of sexual misconduct or a confidential resource advisor's performance of a service under this section shall not be considered actual or constructive notice of such an alleged act to the institution of higher education at which the confidential resource advisor is employed or provides contracted services.

VIII. If a conflict of interest arises for an institution in which a confidential resource advisor is advocating for a reporting party's need for sexual assault crisis services or campus or law

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1 enforcement services, the institution shall not discipline, penalize, or otherwise retaliate against the
2 confidential resource advisor for representing the interest of the reporting party.

3 188-H:8 Privilege for Confidential Resource Advisors.

4 I. In this section:

5 (a) "Confidential communication" means information transmitted between a victim, as
6 defined in paragraph (b), of an alleged sexual assault, alleged domestic abuse, alleged sexual
7 harassment, or alleged stalking, and a confidential resource advisor in the course of that
8 relationship and in confidence by means which, so far as the victim is aware, does not disclose the
9 information to a third person. The presence of an interpreter for the hearing impaired, a foreign
10 language interpreter, or any other interpreter necessary for that communication to take place shall
11 not affect the confidentiality of the communication nor shall it be deemed a waiver of the privilege.
12 The term includes all information received by the confidential resource advisor in the course of that
13 relationship.

14 (b) "Victim" means any person alleging sexual misconduct, as defined by the institutions'
15 policies and procedures, who consults a confidential resource advisor for the purpose of securing
16 support, counseling or assistance concerning a mental, physical, emotional, legal, housing, medical,
17 or financial problem caused by an alleged act of sexual misconduct, or an alleged attempted sexual
18 misconduct.

19 II.(a) A victim has the privilege to refuse to disclose and to prevent any other person from
20 disclosing a confidential communication made by the victim to a confidential resource advisor,
21 including any record made in the course of support, counseling, or assistance of the victim. Any
22 confidential communication or record may be disclosed only with the prior written consent of the
23 victim. This privilege terminates upon the death of the victim. The privilege and confidentiality
24 under this subparagraph shall extend to:

25 (1) A third person present to assist communication with the victim.

26 (2) A third person present to assist a victim who is physically challenged.

27 (3) Co-participants in support group counseling of the victim.

28 (b) Persons prevented from disclosing a confidential communication or record pursuant
29 to subparagraph (a) shall be exempt from the provisions of RSA 631:6.

30 III. The privilege may be claimed or waived in all civil, administrative, and criminal legal
31 proceedings, including discovery proceedings, by the following persons:

32 (a) The victim or an attorney on the victim's behalf.

33 (b) The guardian of the victim, if the victim has been found incompetent by a court of
34 competent jurisdiction.

35 (c) A minor victim who is emancipated, married, or over the age of 15, unless, in the
36 opinion of the court, the minor is incapable of knowingly waiving the privilege. A guardian ad litem

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1 shall be appointed in all cases in which there is a potential conflict of interest between a victim
2 under the age of 18 and their parent or guardian.

3 IV. Waiver as to a specific portion of communication between the victim and the confidential
4 resource advisor shall not constitute a waiver of the privilege as to other portions of the confidential
5 communication between victim and confidential resource advisor, relating to the alleged crime.

6 V. In criminal proceedings when a defendant seeks information privileged under this
7 chapter in discovery or at trial, the procedure below shall be followed:

8 (a) A written pretrial motion shall be made by the defendant to the court stating that
9 the defendant seeks discovery of records of a confidential resource advisor or testimony of a
10 confidential resource advisor. The written motion shall be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth
11 specific grounds as to why discovery is requested and showing that there is a substantial likelihood
12 that favorable and admissible information would be obtained through discovery or testimony. No
13 discovery or hearing shall occur pursuant to the information sought to be disclosed for at least 3
14 business days after the filing of a motion for disclosure.

15 (b) The only information subject to discovery from the records of a confidential resource
16 advisor or which may be elicited during the testimony of a confidential resource advisor are those
17 statements of the victim which relate to the alleged crime being prosecuted in the instant trial.

18 (c) Prior to admission of information at deposition, trial, or other legal proceeding, when
19 a claim of privilege has been asserted and whether or not the information was obtained through
20 discovery, the burden of proof shall be upon the defendant to establish by a preponderance of the
21 evidence that:

22 (1) The probative value of the information, in the context of the particular case,
23 outweighs its prejudicial effect on the victim's emotional or physical recovery, privacy, or
24 relationship with the confidential resource advisor.

25 (2) That the information sought is unavailable from any other source.

26 (3) That there is a substantial probability that the failure to disclose that
27 information will interfere with the defendant's right to confront the witnesses against him or her
28 and the defendant's right to a fair trial.

29 (d) The trial court shall review each motion for disclosure of information on a case by
30 case basis and determine on the totality of the circumstances that the information sought is or is not
31 subject to the privilege established in paragraph II. In finding that the privilege shall not apply in a
32 particular case, the trial court shall make written findings as to its reasons therefor.

33 (e) The records and testimony of a confidential resource advisor shall be disclosed solely
34 to the trial judge to determine, as a matter of law, whether the information contained in the records
35 or testimony is admissible under this chapter.

36 (f) That portion of any record and testimony of a confidential resource advisor which is
37 not disclosed to the defendant shall be preserved by the court under seal for appeal. For the purpose

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1 of preservation, a copy of the record shall be retained with the original released to the confidential
2 resource advisor. Costs of duplication shall be borne by the defendant.

3 (g) If, after disclosure of privileged information, the court upholds the privilege claim,
4 the court shall impose a protective order against revealing any of the information without the
5 consent of the person authorized to permit disclosure.

6 VI. The privilege established by this chapter shall not apply when the confidential resource
7 advisor has knowledge that the victim has given perjured testimony and when the defendant has
8 made an offer of proof that there is probable cause to believe that perjury has been committed.

9 VII. Failure of any person to testify as a witness pursuant to the provisions of this chapter
10 shall not give rise to an inference unfavorable to the prosecution or the defense.

11 VIII. The victim shall have a right to interlocutory appeal to the supreme court from any
12 decision by a court to require the disclosure of records or testimony of a confidential resource
13 advisor.

14 IX. The confidential resource advisor shall have the same reporting duties under RSA 169-
15 C:29 as other professionals, providing that this duty shall not apply where a minor is seeking relief
16 pursuant to RSA 173-B:3 for abuse by a spouse or former spouse of the minor, or by an intimate
17 partner who is not related to the minor by consanguinity or affinity. As used in this section, "abuse"
18 and "intimate partners" shall be as defined in RSA 173-B:1.

19 Awareness Programming

20 188-H:9 Awareness Programming. An institution of higher education, with guidance from its
21 Title IX coordinator, local law enforcement, and the rape crisis center or the domestic violence
22 center, shall provide mandatory annual sexual misconduct primary prevention and awareness
23 programming for all students and all employees of the institution that shall include:

24 I. An explanation of consent as it applies to sexual activity and sexual relationships.

25 II. The role drugs and alcohol play in an individual's ability to consent.

26 III. Information on options relating to the reporting of an incident of sexual misconduct, the
27 effects of each option, and the methods to report an incident of sexual misconduct, including
28 confidential and anonymous disclosure.

29 IV. Information on the institution's procedures for resolving sexual misconduct complaints
30 and the range of sanctions or penalties the institution may impose on students and employees found
31 responsible for a violation.

32 V. The name, contact information, and role of the confidential resource advisor.

33 VI. Strategies for bystander intervention and risk reduction.

34 VII. Opportunities for ongoing sexual misconduct prevention and awareness campaigns and
35 programming.

36 Training for Individuals and Institutions
37 Involved in the Disciplinary Process

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188-H:10 Training for Individuals Involved in the Disciplinary Process. An individual who participates in the implementation of an institution of higher education's disciplinary process, including an individual responsible for resolving complaints of reported incidents, shall have training or experience in handling sexual misconduct complaints and the operations of the institution's disciplinary process. The training shall include, but not be limited to:

I. Information on working with and interviewing persons subjected to sexual misconduct.

II. Information on particular types of conduct that constitute sexual misconduct, including same-sex dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

III. Information on consent and the role drugs and alcohol may play in an individual's ability to consent.

IV. The effects of trauma, including any neurobiological impact on a person.

V. Cultural competence training regarding how sexual misconduct may impact students differently depending on factors that contribute to a student's cultural background, including but not limited to national origin, sex, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation.

VI. Ways to communicate sensitively and compassionately with a reporting party of sexual misconduct including, but not limited to, an awareness of responding to a reporting party with consideration of that party's cultural background and providing services to or assisting in locating services for the reporting party. Ways to communicate sensitively with a responding party, including an awareness of the emotional impact of being wrongly accused.

VII. Training and information regarding how dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking may impact students with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

188-H:11 Institutional Training. Each institution of higher education shall ensure that its Title IX coordinator and members of its special or campus police force or the campus safety personnel employed by the institution are educated in the awareness of sexual misconduct and in trauma-informed response.

Reporting Requirements

188-H:12 Data Reporting Requirements. Annually, not later than October 1, an institution of higher education shall prepare and submit to the director, the commissioner of the department of health and human services, the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, and the chairpersons of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over education a report that includes:

I. The total number of allegations of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking reported to the institution's Title IX coordinator by a student or employee of the institution against another student or employee of the institution.

II. The number of law enforcement investigations initiated in response to complaints of sexual misconduct brought forward by students or employees of the institution against another student or employee of the institution, if known.

III. The number of students found responsible for violating an institution's policies prohibiting sexual misconduct.

IV. The number of students found not responsible for violating an institution's policies prohibiting sexual misconduct.

V. The number of disciplinary actions imposed by the institution as a result of a finding of responsibility for violating an institution's policies prohibiting sexual misconduct. The report shall provide information in an anonymous manner that complies with state and federal privacy laws.

188-H:13 Amnesty. A reporting party or a witness that causes an investigation of sexual misconduct, or drug or alcohol use, shall not be subject to a disciplinary proceeding or sanction for a violation of the institution of higher education's student conduct policy related to the incident unless the institution determine that the report was not made in good faith or that the violation was egregious. An egregious violation shall include, but not be limited to, taking an action that places the health and safety of another person at risk.

Enforcement and Penalty

188-H:14 Enforcement and Penalty. Upon determination, after reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing, that an institution of higher education has violated or failed to carry out any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, the director may impose a civil penalty upon such institution for each violation not to exceed \$150,000, which shall be adjusted for inflation annually, or one percent of an institution's annual operating budget, whichever is lower. The director shall use any such civil penalty funds to provide oversight of this chapter.

188-H:15 Memoranda of Understanding With Rape Crisis Centers or Domestic Violence Centers.

I. An institution of higher education shall enter into and maintain a memorandum of understanding with a rape crisis center or domestic violence center to:

(a) Assist in developing the institution's policies, programing, and training regarding sexual misconduct involving students or employees.

(b) Provide an off-campus alternative for students and employees of the institution to receive free and confidential sexual assault crisis services, including access to a sexual assault nurse examiner if available, or free and confidential domestic violence crisis services in response to sexual misconduct.

(c) Ensure that a student or employee of the institution may access free and confidential counseling and advocacy services either on campus or off campus.

(d) Ensure cooperation and training between the institution and the crisis center or agency to ensure an understanding of the roles that the institution, crisis center, and agency should

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1 play in responding to reports and disclosures of sexual misconduct against students and employees
2 of the institution and the institution's protocols for providing support and services to such students
3 and employees.

4 II. A memorandum of understanding may include an agreement, including a fee structure,
5 between the rape crisis center or domestic violence center and the institution of higher education to
6 provide confidential victim services. Confidential victim services may include case consultation and
7 training fees for confidential resource advisors, consultation fees for the development and
8 implementation of student education and prevention programs, the development of staff training
9 and prevention curriculum, and confidential on-site office space for an advocate from a rape crisis
10 center or domestic violence center to meet with students.

11 III. The commission may waive the requirements of this section in the case of an institution
12 that demonstrates that it acted in good faith but was unable to obtain a signed memorandum.

13 19 Effective Date.

14 I. Sections 1-7 and sections 9-16 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

15 II. Section 18 of this act shall take effect 180 days after its passage.

16 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Increases the maximum recovery for crime victims from the victims' compensation fund; establishes confidentiality procedures for information used to support restitution to the victims' compensation fund; expands the offenses covered by the crime victims' bill of rights; expands the rights available to crime victims; requires the department of justice to develop a crime victims' rights card and establish professional guidelines for victims' assistance providers; and establishes a committee on the needs of crime victims and the enforcement of crime victims' rights.

II. Allows an action based on the sexual assault or incest statutes to be commenced at any time.

III. Removes the exception for legally married spouses from certain sexual assault offenses.

IV. Prohibits the sale of over-the-counter rape test kits in New Hampshire.

V. Requires institutions of higher education to adopt and make available to students policies on sexual misconduct; to develop a task force and survey on sexual misconduct and report its findings; to appoint a campus safety advisor; to collaborate with law enforcement on the investigation and prosecution of sexual misconduct incidents; to establish confidential resource advisors; to develop awareness programming; and to undertake institutional training in the awareness and prevention of sexual misconduct on campus.