
DIGEST

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HB 294 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to sexual assault climate surveys on college campuses.

Present law requires that, when funding is made available, each public postsecondary education institution shall administer an annual, anonymous sexual assault climate survey to its students. Proposed law retains present law except removes the stipulation that administration of the survey is subject to funding and changes frequency of administration of the survey from annual to triennial. Proposed law allows for inclusion of sexual assault climate survey as separate and clearly identified component of broader campus safety surveys.

Present law requires the Bd. of Regents, in consultation with the public postsecondary education management boards, to establish procedures for the administration of the survey. Authorizes use of the Center on Violence Against Women and Children at the Rutgers University School of Social Work as a model. Proposed law requires the Bd. of Regents, in consultation with the public postsecondary education management boards, to research and select the best method of developing and administering the survey.

Present law additionally requires the Bd. of Regents to:

- (1) Submit a written report, not later than Sept. 1st of each year, regarding the survey results to the House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Education, and the governor.
- (2) Publish the survey results on the board's website and in any other location or venue the board deems necessary or appropriate.

Proposed law retains present law except changes frequency of submission of written report from every year to every three years, with the first report due by Sept. 1, 2023.

Present law requires each public postsecondary education institution to report survey results to the Bd. of Regents. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3399.17; Repeals R.S. 17:3351(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Require that the Bd. of Regents research and select the best method for survey development and administration, instead of requiring the board to research and select an agency or vendor to assist in survey development.