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SYNOPSIS

Makes changes to membership and responsibilities of Campus Sexual Assault Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on July 30, 2020.



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1 AN ACT concerning the Campus Sexual Assault Commission and
2 amending P.L.2019, c.299.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2019, c.299 (C.18A:61E-7) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. There is established a Campus Sexual Assault
10 Commission in, but not of, the Department of State. The
11 commission shall consist of 12 members including:

12 (1) the Secretary of Higher Education, the Attorney General,
13 and the Director of the Division on Women in the Department of
14 Children and Families, or their designees, who shall serve ex
15 officio;

16 (2) five public members appointed by the Governor, including a
17 representative of the State colleges and universities established
18 pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, a
19 representative of the public research universities, a representative of
20 the county colleges, a representative of the independent colleges
21 and universities, and a representative of **the New Jersey Coalition**
22 **Against Sexual Assault** ¹an organization representing the
23 concerns of victims of sexual assault at the State level **the New**
24 **Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault**¹; and

25 (3) four public members with demonstrated **expertise or**
26 **interest** research or practitioner experience in issues related to **the**
27 **work of the commission, including at least one individual who is a**
28 **campus sexual assault survivor** campus sexual ¹**assault** violence,
29 including at least one student who is currently involved in campus
30 sexual assault education or advocacy¹. The President of the Senate,
31 the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Minority Leader of the
32 Senate, and the Minority Leader of the General Assembly shall each
33 appoint one of these public members.

34 b. The public members shall serve for a term of three years, but
35 of the members first appointed: three of the members appointed by
36 the Governor shall serve for a term of three years; one of the
37 members appointed by the Governor, the member appointed by the
38 President of the Senate, and the member appointed by the Speaker
39 of the General Assembly shall serve for a term of two years; and
40 one of the members appointed by the Governor, the member
41 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the member
42 appointed by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly shall
43 serve for a term of one year.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted July 9, 2020.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted July 30, 2020.

1 c. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be
2 filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made and
3 a member may be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies occurring
4 other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired
5 term.

6 d. The members of the commission shall serve without
7 compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
8 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties within the
9 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the
10 commission for its purposes.

11 (cf: P.L.2019, c.299, s.1)

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13 2. Section 2 of P.L.2019, c.299 (C.18A:61E-8) is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 2. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable
16 following the appointment of its members, **but no later than 60**
17 **days after the effective date of this act** which shall take place
18 between 30 and 60 days after the issuance of the final report of the
19 Working Group on Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments
20 established pursuant to Executive Order No. 61 of 2019. The
21 commission shall choose a chairperson from among its members
22 and shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the
23 commission. The commission shall meet quarterly, at a minimum.

24 (cf: P.L.2019, c.299, s.2)

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26 3. Section 4 of P.L.2019, c.299 (C.18A:61E-10) is amended to
27 read as follows:

28 4. It shall be the responsibility of the commission to further the
29 work of the Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault established
30 pursuant to P.L.2015, c.165. In particular, the commission shall:

31 a. study and evaluate emerging issues, policies, and practices
32 concerning campus sexual assault ¹, dating and domestic violence,
33 and stalking on college campuses¹ ;

34 b. monitor the response to, and implementation of, the
35 recommendations put forth in the report issued by the task force
36 established pursuant to P.L.2015, c.165 and the Working Group on
37 Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments established pursuant to
38 Executive Order No. 61 of 2019;

39 c. supplement the findings and recommendations, as necessary,
40 of the report issued by the task force established pursuant to
41 P.L.2015, c.165;

42 d. **develop and administer, in consultation with the Secretary**
43 **of Higher Education, a campus climate survey every three years**
44 monitor the progress of ¹, and offer technical assistance to,¹
45 institutions of higher education in implementing a campus climate
46 survey. An institution of higher education shall ¹**submit the**
47 survey findings to the commission at such regular intervals as

1 determined by the commission】 conduct a campus climate survey
2 ²【every three】 at intervals no longer than four² years and submit
3 the de-identified survey data to the Office of the Secretary of
4 Higher Education. The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
5 shall share the findings with the commission¹ ; and
6 e. develop an action plan ²【every three years】² that includes
7 policies, programs, or procedures responsive to the issues and needs
8 identified 【in the】 by institutions of higher education from their
9 campus climate survey.
10 (cf: P.L.2019, c.299, s.4)
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12 4. This act shall take effect immediately.