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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual assault, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual assault, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Campus Accountability  
5 and Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLERY ACT.**

7 Section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
8 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)) (known as the “Jeanne Clery Dislo-

1 sure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statis-  
2 ties Act”) is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (1)—

4 (A) by inserting “which shall include, at a  
5 minimum, publication in an easily accessible  
6 manner and available in different languages, to  
7 be prominently displayed on the website of the  
8 institution,” after “through appropriate publi-  
9 cations or mailings,”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

11 (i) by striking clause (ii) and inserting  
12 the following:

13 “(ii) if applicable, any memorandum of un-  
14 derstanding between the institution and law en-  
15 forcement, or a description of the working rela-  
16 tionship between the institution, campus secu-  
17 rity personnel, or campus law enforcement and  
18 State or local law enforcement agencies; and”;

19 and

20 (ii) by moving the margins of clauses

21 (i) and (iii) 2 ems to the left;

22 (C) in subparagraph (F)—

23 (i) in clause (i)—

1 (I) by redesignating subclauses  
 2 (III) through (IX) as subclauses (VI)  
 3 through (XII); and

4 (II) by striking subclause (II)  
 5 and inserting the following:

6 “(II) rape;

7 “(III) fondling;

8 “(IV) incest;

9 “(V) statutory rape;” and

10 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “sub-  
 11 clauses (I) through (VIII) of clause (i)”  
 12 and inserting “subclauses (I) through (XI)  
 13 of clause (i)”; and

14 (D) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(M)(i) With respect to the criminal activ-  
 16 ity described in subclauses (II) and (III) of sub-  
 17 paragraph (F)(i), the eligible institution shall  
 18 prepare for the annual security report that is  
 19 due on the date that is 1 year after the date  
 20 of enactment of the Campus Accountability and  
 21 Safety Act, and annually thereafter, the fol-  
 22 lowing additions:

23 “(I) The number of such incidents  
 24 where the respondent is a student at the  
 25 institution.

1           “(II) Of the incidents described in  
2           subclause (I), the number of such incidents  
3           that were reported to the title IX coordi-  
4           nator or other higher education responsible  
5           employee of the institution.

6           “(III) Of the incidents described in  
7           subclause (II), the number of victims who  
8           sought campus disciplinary action at the  
9           institution.

10          “(IV) Of the victims described in sub-  
11          clause (III), the number of cases processed  
12          through the student and employee discipli-  
13          nary process of the institution.

14          “(V) Of the cases described in sub-  
15          clause (IV), the number of respondents  
16          who were found responsible through the  
17          student disciplinary process of the institu-  
18          tion.

19          “(VI) Of the cases described in sub-  
20          clause (IV), the number of respondents  
21          who were found not responsible through  
22          the student disciplinary process of the in-  
23          stitution.

24          “(VII) A description of the final sanc-  
25          tions imposed by the institution for each

1 incident for which a respondent was found  
2 responsible through the student discipli-  
3 nary process of the institution, if such de-  
4 scription will not reveal personally identifi-  
5 able information about an individual stu-  
6 dent.

7 “(VIII) The number of student dis-  
8 ciplinary proceedings at the institution  
9 that have closed without resolution since  
10 the previous annual security report due to  
11 withdrawal from the institution of higher  
12 education by the respondent pending reso-  
13 lution of the student disciplinary pro-  
14 ceeding.

15 “(ii) The Secretary shall provide technical  
16 assistance to eligible institutions to assist such  
17 institutions in meeting the requirements of this  
18 subparagraph.”;

19 (2) in paragraph (6)(A), by adding at the end  
20 the following:

21 “(viii) The term ‘complainant’ means an indi-  
22 vidual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that  
23 could constitute domestic violence, dating violence,  
24 sexual assault, sexual harassment, or stalking.

1           “(ix) The term ‘respondent’ means an indi-  
2           vidual who is alleged to be the perpetrator of con-  
3           duct that could constitute domestic violence, dating  
4           violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, or stalk-  
5           ing.

6           “(x) The term ‘title IX coordinator’ has the  
7           meaning given to the individual designated as a re-  
8           sponsible employee in section 106.8(a) of title 34,  
9           Code of Federal Regulations, as such section is in  
10          effect on the date of enactment of the Campus Ac-  
11          countability and Safety Act.

12          “(xi) The term ‘higher education responsible  
13          employee’ means an employee of an institution of  
14          higher education who—

15                 “(I) has the authority to take action to re-  
16                 dress domestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
17                 assault, sexual harassment, or stalking; or

18                 “(II) has the duty to report domestic vio-  
19                 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual  
20                 harassment, or stalking or any other mis-  
21                 conduct by students or employees to appro-  
22                 priate school officials.”;

23          (3) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the  
24          following:

1           “(7) The statistics described in clauses (i), (ii),  
2           and (iii) of paragraph (1)(F)—

3           “(A) shall not identify complainants or re-  
4           spondents or contain any other information  
5           from which complainants or respondents could  
6           be identified; and

7           “(B) shall be compiled in accordance with  
8           the following definitions:

9           “(i) For the offenses of domestic vio-  
10          lence, dating violence, and stalking, such  
11          statistics shall be compiled in accordance  
12          with the definitions used in section  
13          40002(a) of the Violence Against Women  
14          Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a)).

15          “(ii) For the offense of rape, such sta-  
16          tistics shall be compiled in accordance with  
17          the definition of rape as the penetration,  
18          no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus  
19          with any body part or object, or oral pene-  
20          tration by a sex organ of another person,  
21          without the consent of the victim.

22          “(iii) For the offenses of fondling, in-  
23          cest, and statutory rape, such statistics  
24          shall be compiled in accordance with the

1 definition used in the National Incident  
2 Based Reporting System.

3 “(iv) For offenses not described in  
4 clause (i), (ii), or (iii), such statistics shall  
5 be compiled in accordance with the Uni-  
6 form Crime Reporting Program of the De-  
7 partment of Justice, Federal Bureau of In-  
8 vestigation, and the modifications to such  
9 definitions as implemented pursuant to the  
10 Hate Crime Statistics Act (34 U.S.C.  
11 41305).”; and

12 (4) in paragraph (8)(B)—

13 (A) in clause (i)—

14 (i) in the matter preceding subclause  
15 (I), by inserting “, developed in consulta-  
16 tion with local, State, or national sexual  
17 assault, dating violence, domestic violence,  
18 and stalking victim advocacy, victim serv-  
19 ices, or prevention organizations, and local  
20 law enforcement,” after “Education pro-  
21 grams”; and

22 (ii) in subclause (I)(aa), by inserting  
23 “, including the fact that these are crimes  
24 for the purposes of this subsection and re-  
25 porting under this subsection, and the in-

1           stitution of higher education will, based on  
2           the complainant’s wishes, cooperate with  
3           local law enforcement with respect to any  
4           alleged criminal offenses involving students  
5           or employees of the institution of higher  
6           education, including by notifying and ob-  
7           taining written consent from a complainant  
8           who has been fully and accurately informed  
9           about what procedures shall occur if infor-  
10          mation is shared, when the institution of  
11          higher education seeks to share informa-  
12          tion regarding an alleged criminal offenses  
13          with a law enforcement agency” after  
14          “stalking”; and

15          (B) in clause (iv)—

16               (i) by redesignating subclauses (II)  
17               and (III) as subclauses (III) and (IV), re-  
18               spectively;

19               (ii) by inserting after subclause (I)  
20               the following:

21                       “(II) the institution will comply  
22                       with the requirements of paragraph  
23                       (21)(B), and shall include a descrip-  
24                       tion of such requirements;”; and

1 (iii) in subclause (IV), as redesignated  
2 by clause (i), in item (bb), by inserting “si-  
3 multaneously with the notification of the  
4 outcome described in item (aa),” before  
5 “the institution’s”.

6 **SEC. 3. TRANSPARENCY.**

7 Section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
8 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)) (known as the “Jeanne Clery Dislo-  
9 sure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statis-  
10 tics Act”), as amended by this Act, is further amended  
11 by adding at the end the following:

12 “(20) The Secretary shall ensure there is a  
13 publicly available, searchable, accessible, and user-  
14 friendly campus safety website that includes the fol-  
15 lowing:

16 “(A) A brief description of the role of the  
17 title IX coordinator for each institution of high-  
18 er education receiving funds under this Act and  
19 the roles of other officials who may be con-  
20 tacted to discuss or report sexual harassment.

21 “(B) A brief description of the role of the  
22 sexual and interpersonal violence specialist and  
23 the name and contact information of the spe-  
24 cialist for each institution of higher education  
25 receiving funds under this Act.

1           “(C) The Department’s pending investiga-  
2           tions, enforcement actions, letters of finding,  
3           final resolutions, and voluntary resolution  
4           agreements for all media audits, complaints,  
5           and compliance reviews under this subsection  
6           and under title IX of the Education Amend-  
7           ments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681) related to sex-  
8           ual harassment. The Secretary shall indicate  
9           whether the investigation, action, letter, resolu-  
10          tion, or agreement is based on a complaint or  
11          compliance review. The Secretary shall make  
12          the information under this subparagraph avail-  
13          able regarding a complaint once the Depart-  
14          ment receives a written complaint, and conducts  
15          an initial evaluation, and has determined that  
16          the complaint should be opened for investiga-  
17          tion of an allegation that, if substantiated,  
18          would constitute a violation of such title IX or  
19          this subsection. In carrying out this subpara-  
20          graph, the Secretary shall ensure that person-  
21          ally identifiable information is not reported and  
22          shall comply with section 444 of the General  
23          Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g),  
24          commonly known as the ‘Family Educational  
25          Rights and Privacy Act of 1974’.

1           “(D) The download of data that institu-  
2           tions of higher education subject to this sub-  
3           section are required to report under this Act.

4           “(E) Information regarding how to file  
5           complaints with the Department related to al-  
6           leged violations of title IX of the Education  
7           Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681) and of  
8           this subsection.

9           “(F) Information regarding the Depart-  
10          ment’s policies for reviewing complaints, initi-  
11          ating compliance reviews, and conducting and  
12          resolving investigations related to alleged viola-  
13          tions of title IX of the Education Amendments  
14          of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681) and of this sub-  
15          section. This information shall include—

16                 “(i) the contact information for at  
17                 least one individual at the Department who  
18                 can answer questions from institutions of  
19                 higher education, complainants, and other  
20                 interested parties about such policies;

21                 “(ii) potential outcomes of an inves-  
22                 tigation; and

23                 “(iii) the expected timeframe for reso-  
24                 lution of an investigation and any cir-

1                   cumstance that may change such time-  
2                   frame.”.

3 **SEC. 4. UNIVERSITY SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMES-**  
4                   **TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL**  
5                   **ASSAULT, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND STALK-**  
6                   **ING.**

7           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 485(f) of the Higher Edu-  
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)) (known as the  
9 “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and  
10 Campus Crime Statistics Act”), as amended by this Act,  
11 is further amended by adding at the end the following:

12                   “(21) UNIVERSITY SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS  
13                   OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEX-  
14                   UAL ASSAULT, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND STALK-  
15                   ING.—

16                   “(A) VICTIM-CENTERED, TRAUMA-IN-  
17                   FORMED INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES.—In this  
18                   paragraph, the term ‘victim-centered, trauma-  
19                   informed interview techniques’ means asking  
20                   questions of an individual who reports that the  
21                   individual has been a victim of domestic vio-  
22                   lence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual  
23                   harassment, or stalking, in a manner that is fo-  
24                   cused on the experience of the victim, does not  
25                   judge or blame the victim for the alleged act, is

1 informed by evidence-based research on the  
2 neurobiology of trauma, and contains informa-  
3 tion on cultural competence based on practices  
4 of rape crisis centers, victim advocacy centers,  
5 sexual assault response teams, title IX offices,  
6 and similar groups, including organizations that  
7 work with underserved populations (as defined  
8 in section 40002 of the Violence Against  
9 Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291)).

10 “(B) CAMPUS SECURITY POLICY.—Each  
11 institution of higher education that receives  
12 funds under this Act, shall establish a campus  
13 security policy that includes the following:

14 “(i) SEXUAL AND INTERPERSONAL VI-  
15 OLENCE SPECIALISTS.—The designation of  
16 one or more sexual and interpersonal vio-  
17 lence specialists at the institution to whom  
18 student complainants of domestic violence,  
19 dating violence, sexual assault, sexual har-  
20 assment, or stalking can report, including  
21 anonymously, which shall be part of a pol-  
22 icy that complies with the following:

23 “(I) The sexual and interpersonal  
24 violence specialist—

1           “(aa) shall not be an under-  
2 graduate student, a full-time  
3 graduate student, an employee  
4 designated as a higher education  
5 responsible employee, any indi-  
6 vidual designated with respon-  
7 sibilities as a campus security au-  
8 thority, or the title IX coordi-  
9 nator;

10           “(bb) may have other roles  
11 at the institution;

12           “(cc) shall be appointed  
13 based on experience and a dem-  
14 onstrated ability of the individual  
15 to effectively provide trauma-in-  
16 formed victim services related to  
17 domestic violence, dating vio-  
18 lence, sexual assault, sexual har-  
19 assment, and stalking, including  
20 to underserved populations (as  
21 defined in section 40002 of the  
22 Violence Against Women Act of  
23 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291));

24           “(dd) shall be supervised by  
25 an individual outside the body re-

1 responsible for investigating and  
2 adjudicating complaints at the  
3 institution related to domestic vi-  
4 olence, dating violence, sexual as-  
5 sault, sexual harassment, and  
6 stalking;

7 “(ee) shall not serve as an  
8 advisor under paragraph  
9 (8)(B)(iv)(III); and

10 “(ff) shall not be required to  
11 report allegations as a campus  
12 security authority under this sub-  
13 section.

14 “(II) The Secretary shall des-  
15 ignate categories of employees that  
16 may serve as sexual and interpersonal  
17 violence specialists, such as health  
18 care staff, clergy, staff of a women’s  
19 center, or other such categories, and  
20 specify under what conditions individ-  
21 uals may go through training to ob-  
22 tain victim advocate privilege in  
23 States with applicable laws. Such des-  
24 ignation shall not preclude the institu-  
25 tion from designating other employees

1 or partnering with national, State, or  
2 local victim services organizations to  
3 serve as sexual and interpersonal vio-  
4 lence specialists or to serve in other  
5 confidential roles.

6 “(III) The sexual and inter-  
7 personal violence specialist shall com-  
8 plete the training requirements de-  
9 scribed in clause (v) and subclause  
10 (IV) within a reasonable time after  
11 being designated as a sexual and  
12 interpersonal violence specialist.

13 “(IV) The Secretary shall develop  
14 online training materials, in addition  
15 to the training required under clause  
16 (v), not later than 1 year after the  
17 date of enactment of the Campus Ac-  
18 countability and Safety Act, for the  
19 training of sexual and interpersonal  
20 violence specialists.

21 “(V) The sexual and inter-  
22 personal violence specialist shall in-  
23 form the complainant in a victim-cen-  
24 tered, trauma-informed manner, in-  
25 cluding in a written format—

1           “(aa) of the complainant’s  
2 rights under Federal and State  
3 law;

4           “(bb) of the complainant’s  
5 rights and options pursuant to  
6 the policy that the institution of  
7 higher education has developed  
8 pursuant to clauses (ii) through  
9 (vii) of paragraph (8)(B);

10           “(cc) of the complainant’s  
11 reporting options, including the  
12 option to notify a higher edu-  
13 cation responsible employee, the  
14 option to notify local law enforce-  
15 ment, and any other reporting  
16 options;

17           “(dd) a description of the  
18 process of investigation and any  
19 disciplinary proceeding of the in-  
20 stitution that may follow notifica-  
21 tion of a higher education re-  
22 sponsible employee;

23           “(ee) a description of the  
24 process of civil investigation and  
25 adjudication of the criminal jus-

1           tice system that may follow noti-  
2           fication of law enforcement;

3           “(ff) a description of the ju-  
4           risdiction, scope, and possible  
5           sanctions of the student and em-  
6           ployee disciplinary process of the  
7           institution of higher education  
8           and of the criminal justice proc-  
9           ess, including any possible sanc-  
10          tions for complainants, such as  
11          laws regarding false reporting, in  
12          a victim-centered and trauma-in-  
13          formed manner;

14          “(gg) that the student dis-  
15          ciplinary process of the institu-  
16          tion of higher education in not  
17          equivalent to, and should not be  
18          considered a substitute for, the  
19          criminal justice process;

20          “(hh) any limitations on the  
21          ability of the sexual and inter-  
22          personal violence specialist to  
23          provide privacy or confidentiality  
24          to the complainant under the  
25          policies of the institution of high-

1 er education, Federal law, or  
2 State law;

3 “(ii) of a list of local rape  
4 crisis centers, victim advocacy  
5 centers, sexual and interpersonal  
6 violence teams, title IX offices, or  
7 similar groups that are based on  
8 or near campus and can reason-  
9 ably be expected to act as a re-  
10 source for the student; and

11 “(jj) the potential risk of re-  
12 traumatization in repeating the  
13 events of a reported crime and  
14 available campus resources for  
15 related support services.

16 “(VI) The sexual and inter-  
17 personal violence specialist may, as  
18 appropriate—

19 “(aa) serve as a liaison be-  
20 tween a complainant and a high-  
21 er education responsible employee  
22 or law enforcement, provided the  
23 sexual and interpersonal violence  
24 specialist has obtained written  
25 consent from the complainant

1 who has been fully and accurately  
2 informed about what procedures  
3 shall occur if information is  
4 shared; and

5 “(bb) assist a complainant  
6 in contacting and reporting to a  
7 higher education responsible em-  
8 ployee or law enforcement.

9 “(VII) The sexual and inter-  
10 personal violence specialist shall be  
11 authorized by the institution to liaise  
12 with appropriate staff at the institu-  
13 tion to arrange reasonable accom-  
14 modations through the institution to  
15 allow the complainant to change living  
16 or academic arrangements or class  
17 schedules, obtain accessibility services  
18 (including transportation and lan-  
19 guage services), or arrange other ac-  
20 commodations for the complainant.  
21 The institution may not require that  
22 the complainant report to a law en-  
23 forcement agency as a condition to  
24 grant such accommodations.

1           “(VIII) The sexual and inter-  
2           personal violence specialist shall not  
3           be obligated to identify a complainant  
4           or respondent, unless otherwise re-  
5           quired to do so by State or local law.  
6           The sexual and interpersonal violence  
7           specialist shall, to the extent author-  
8           ized under State law, provide con-  
9           fidential services.

10           “(IX) The institution shall des-  
11           ignate as a sexual and interpersonal  
12           violence specialist an individual who  
13           has victim advocate privilege under  
14           State law (including receipt of any ap-  
15           plicable State-required training for  
16           that purpose) if there is such an indi-  
17           vidual employed by the institution.  
18           The institution may partner through a  
19           formal agreement with an outside or-  
20           ganization with the experience de-  
21           scribed in subclause (I)(cc), such as a  
22           community-based rape crisis center or  
23           other community-based sexual assault  
24           service provider, to provide the serv-  
25           ices described in this clause.

1           “(X) The sexual and inter-  
2           personal violence specialist shall col-  
3           lect and report anonymized statistics,  
4           on an annual basis, unless prohibited  
5           by State law. The sexual and inter-  
6           personal violence specialist shall en-  
7           sure that such reports do not include  
8           identifying information and that the  
9           confidentiality of a complainant or re-  
10          spondent is not jeopardized through  
11          the reporting of such statistics. Any  
12          requests for accommodations, as de-  
13          scribed in subclause (VII), made by a  
14          sexual and interpersonal violence spe-  
15          cialist shall not trigger an investiga-  
16          tion by the institution, even if the sex-  
17          ual and interpersonal violence spe-  
18          cialist deals only with matters relating  
19          to domestic violence, dating violence,  
20          sexual assault, sexual harassment,  
21          and stalking.

22           “(XI) The institution shall ap-  
23           point an adequate number of sexual  
24           and interpersonal violence specialists  
25           not later than the earlier of—

1                   “(aa) 1 year after the Sec-  
2                   retary determines through a ne-  
3                   gotiated rulemaking process what  
4                   an adequate number of sexual  
5                   and interpersonal violence spe-  
6                   cialists is for an institution based  
7                   on its size; or

8                   “(bb) 3 years after the date  
9                   of enactment of the Campus Ac-  
10                  countability and Safety Act.

11                  “(XII) As part of the negotiated  
12                  rulemaking process described in sub-  
13                  clause (XI)(aa), the Secretary shall  
14                  determine a process to allow institu-  
15                  tions that enroll fewer than 1,000 stu-  
16                  dents to partner with another institu-  
17                  tion of higher education in their re-  
18                  gion or State to provide the services  
19                  described in this clause while ensuring  
20                  that students continue to have ade-  
21                  quate access to the services and sup-  
22                  port provided by a sexual and inter-  
23                  personal violence specialist.

24                  “(XIII) The institution shall not  
25                  discipline, penalize, or otherwise re-

1           taliate against an individual who re-  
2           ports, in good faith, domestic violence,  
3           dating violence, sexual assault, sexual  
4           harassment, or stalking to the sexual  
5           and interpersonal violence specialist.

6                   “(XIV) Each employee of an in-  
7           stitution who receives a report of do-  
8           mestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
9           assault, sexual harassment, or stalk-  
10          ing shall notify the reporting indi-  
11          vidual of the existence of, contact in-  
12          formation for, and services provided  
13          by sexual and interpersonal violence  
14          specialist of the institution.

15                   “(ii) INFORMATION ON THE INSTITU-  
16          TION’S WEBSITE.—The institution shall list  
17          on its website—

18                   “(I) the name and contact infor-  
19          mation for the sexual and inter-  
20          personal violence specialist;

21                   “(II) reporting options, including  
22          confidential options, for complainants  
23          of domestic violence, dating violence,  
24          sexual assault, sexual harassment, or  
25          stalking;

1                   “(III) the process of investigation  
2                   and disciplinary proceedings of the in-  
3                   stitution;

4                   “(IV) the process of investigation  
5                   and adjudication of the criminal jus-  
6                   tice system;

7                   “(V) potential reasonable accom-  
8                   modations that the institution may  
9                   provide to a complainant, as described  
10                  in clause (i)(VII);

11                  “(VI) the telephone number and  
12                  website address for a local, State, or  
13                  national hotline providing information  
14                  to complainants (which shall be clear-  
15                  ly communicated on the website and  
16                  shall be updated on a timely basis);

17                  “(VII) the name and location of  
18                  the nearest medical facility where an  
19                  individual may have a medical forensic  
20                  examination administered by a trained  
21                  sexual assault medical professional,  
22                  including information on transpor-  
23                  tation options and available reim-  
24                  bursement for a visit to such facility;

1                   “(VIII) the institution’s amnesty  
2                   and retaliation policies; and

3                   “(IX) a list of local rape crisis  
4                   centers, victim advocacy centers, sex-  
5                   ual assault response teams, title IX  
6                   offices, or similar groups that are  
7                   based on or near campus and can rea-  
8                   sonably be expected to act as a re-  
9                   source for the student.

10                  “(iii) ONLINE REPORTING.—The insti-  
11                  tution may provide an online reporting sys-  
12                  tem to collect anonymous disclosures of  
13                  crimes and track patterns of crime on cam-  
14                  pus. An individual may submit an anony-  
15                  mous report, if they choose to do so, about  
16                  a specific crime to the institution using the  
17                  online reporting system, but the institution  
18                  is only obligated to investigate a specific  
19                  crime if an individual decides to report the  
20                  crime to a higher education responsible  
21                  employee or law enforcement. If the insti-  
22                  tution uses an online reporting system, the  
23                  online system shall also include informa-  
24                  tion about how to report a crime to a high-  
25                  er education responsible employee and to

1 law enforcement and how to contact a sex-  
2 ual and interpersonal violence specialist  
3 and any other appropriate on- or off-cam-  
4 pus resource.

5 “(iv) AMNESTY POLICY.—

6 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The institu-  
7 tion may, to the extent practicable,  
8 provide an amnesty policy for any stu-  
9 dent who reports, in good faith, do-  
10 mestic violence, dating violence, sexual  
11 assault, sexual harassment, or stalk-  
12 ing to an institution official, such that  
13 the reporting student will not be sanc-  
14 tioned by the institution for a student  
15 conduct violation related to—

16 “(aa) physical violence or  
17 assault as a defense against do-  
18 mestic violence, dating violence,  
19 sexual assault, sexual harass-  
20 ment, or stalking; or

21 “(bb) alcohol use or drug  
22 use that is revealed in the course  
23 of such a report and that oc-  
24 curred at or near the time of the  
25 commission of the domestic vio-

1                    lence, dating violence, sexual as-  
2                    sult, sexual harassment, or  
3                    stalking.

4                    “(II) GOOD FAITH.—A deter-  
5                    mination of whether a report is made  
6                    in good faith—

7                                       “(aa) shall be made in ac-  
8                    cordance with regulations estab-  
9                    lished by the Secretary through a  
10                    negotiated rulemaking process;  
11                    and

12                                       “(bb) shall not include a  
13                    presumptive finding that a stu-  
14                    dent did not act in good faith  
15                    based solely on the institution  
16                    not initiating a disciplinary pro-  
17                    ceeding based on the student’s  
18                    report.

19                    “(III) NO PREEMPTION.—The  
20                    requirement under subclause (I) shall  
21                    not preempt the ability of an institu-  
22                    tion of higher education to establish  
23                    an amnesty policy for student conduct  
24                    violations not mentioned in this provi-  
25                    sion.

1                   “(IV) PROVISION OF INFORMA-  
2                   TION.—The institution shall provide  
3                   information about the amnesty policy  
4                   of the institution on the website of the  
5                   institution.

6                   “(v) TRAINING.—

7                   “(I) IN GENERAL.—Not later  
8                   than 1 year after the date of enact-  
9                   ment of the Campus Accountability  
10                  and Safety Act, the Secretary, in co-  
11                  ordination with the Attorney General  
12                  and in consultation with national,  
13                  State, or local victim services organi-  
14                  zations and institutions of higher edu-  
15                  cation, shall develop an evidence-in-  
16                  formed training program, which may  
17                  include online training modules, for  
18                  training—

19                  “(aa) each individual who is  
20                  involved in implementing an in-  
21                  stitution of higher education’s  
22                  student grievance procedures, in-  
23                  cluding each individual who is re-  
24                  sponsible for resolving complaints  
25                  of reported domestic violence,

1 dating violence, sexual assault,  
2 sexual harassment, or stalking;  
3 and

4 “(bb) each employee of an  
5 institution of higher education  
6 who has responsibility for con-  
7 ducting an interview with a com-  
8 plainant of domestic violence,  
9 dating violence, sexual assault,  
10 sexual harassment, or stalking.

11 “(II) CONTENTS.—Such training  
12 shall include—

13 “(aa) information on work-  
14 ing with and interviewing persons  
15 subjected to domestic violence,  
16 dating violence, sexual assault,  
17 sexual harassment, or stalking  
18 that utilizes victim-centered,  
19 trauma-informed interview tech-  
20 niques;

21 “(bb) information on par-  
22 ticular types of conduct that  
23 would constitute domestic vio-  
24 lence, dating violence, sexual as-  
25 sult, sexual harassment, or

1 stalking, regardless of gender, in-  
2 cluding same-sex incidents of do-  
3 mestic violence, dating violence,  
4 sexual assault, sexual harass-  
5 ment, or stalking;

6 “(cc) information on consent  
7 and what factors, including  
8 power dynamics, may impact  
9 whether consent is voluntarily  
10 given, including the ways drugs  
11 or alcohol may affect an individ-  
12 ual’s ability to consent and infor-  
13 mation on consent for victims  
14 with disabilities or victims who  
15 may be neurodivergent;

16 “(dd) the effects of trauma,  
17 including the neurobiology of  
18 trauma;

19 “(ee) cultural specific and  
20 responsiveness training regarding  
21 how domestic violence, dating vi-  
22 olence, sexual assault, sexual har-  
23 assment, and stalking may im-  
24 pact students of underserved  
25 communities differently depend-

1 ing on their cultural background;  
2 and

3 “(ff) information on sexual  
4 assault dynamics, sexual assault  
5 perpetrator behavior, and bar-  
6 riers to reporting.

7 “(III) INSTITUTIONAL TRAIN-  
8 ING.—Each institution of higher edu-  
9 cation shall ensure that the individ-  
10 uals and employees described in sub-  
11 clause (I) receive the training de-  
12 scribed in this clause not later than  
13 the July 15 that is 1 year after the  
14 date that the training program has  
15 been developed by the Secretary in ac-  
16 cordance with subclause (I).

17 “(vi) UNIFORM CAMPUS-WIDE PROC-  
18 ESS FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PRO-  
19 CEEDING RELATING TO CLAIM OF DOMES-  
20 TIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL  
21 ASSAULT, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, OR  
22 STALKING.—Each institution of higher  
23 education that receives funds under this  
24 Act—

1           “(I) shall establish and carry out  
2           a uniform process (for each campus of  
3           the institution) for student discipli-  
4           nary proceedings relating to any  
5           claims of domestic violence, dating vi-  
6           olence, sexual assault, sexual harass-  
7           ment, or stalking against a student  
8           who attends the institution;

9           “(II) shall not carry out a dif-  
10          ferent disciplinary process on the  
11          same campus for domestic violence,  
12          dating violence, sexual assault, sexual  
13          harassment, or stalking, or alter the  
14          uniform process described in sub-  
15          clause (I), based on the status or  
16          characteristics of a student who will  
17          be involved in that disciplinary pro-  
18          ceeding, including characteristics such  
19          as a student’s membership on an ath-  
20          letic team, academic major, or any  
21          other characteristic or status of a stu-  
22          dent; and

23          “(III) may not, as a condition of  
24          student participation in a disciplinary  
25          proceeding—

1                   “(aa) automatically notify a  
2 law enforcement agency of—

3                   “(AA) a receipt of a re-  
4 port of domestic violence,  
5 dating violence, sexual as-  
6 sault, sexual harassment, or  
7 stalking; or

8                   “(BB) the initiation of  
9 a campus disciplinary pro-  
10 ceeding; or

11                   “(bb) require cooperation  
12 with a law enforcement agency.

13                   “(vii) INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
14 TITLE IX COORDINATOR AND SEXUAL AND  
15 INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE SPECIALIST.—

16 The institution shall submit, annually, to  
17 the Office for Civil Rights of the Depart-  
18 ment of Education and the Civil Rights  
19 Division of the Department of Justice, the  
20 name and contact information for the title  
21 IX coordinator and the sexual and inter-  
22 personal violence specialist, including a  
23 brief description of the role of the coordi-  
24 nator and specialist and the roles of other  
25 officials who may be contacted to discuss

1 or report domestic violence, dating vio-  
2 lence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, or  
3 stalking, and documentation of training re-  
4 ceived by the title IX coordinator and the  
5 sexual and interpersonal violence specialist.  
6 The educational institution shall provide  
7 updated information to the Office for Civil  
8 Rights of the Department of Education  
9 and the Civil Rights Division of the De-  
10 partment of Justice not later than 30 days  
11 after the date of any change. The Sec-  
12 retary shall make the information de-  
13 scribed in this clause publicly available.

14 “(viii) WRITTEN NOTICE OF INSTITU-  
15 TIONAL DISCIPLINARY PROCESS.—The in-  
16 stitution shall provide both the complain-  
17 ant and respondent with written notice of  
18 the institution’s decision to proceed with  
19 an institutional disciplinary process regard-  
20 ing an allegation of domestic violence, dat-  
21 ing violence, sexual assault, sexual harass-  
22 ment, or stalking within 24 hours of such  
23 decision, and sufficiently in advance of a  
24 disciplinary hearing to provide both the  
25 complainant and respondent with the op-

1 opportunity to meaningfully exercise their  
2 rights to a proceeding that is prompt, fair,  
3 and impartial, which shall include the op-  
4 portunity for both parties to present wit-  
5 nesses and other evidence, and any other  
6 due process rights afforded to them under  
7 institutional policy. The written notice  
8 shall include the following:

9 “(I) The existence of a com-  
10 plaint, the nature of the conduct upon  
11 which the complaint is based, and the  
12 date on which the alleged incident oc-  
13 curred.

14 “(II) A description of the process  
15 for the disciplinary proceeding, includ-  
16 ing the estimated timeline from initi-  
17 ation to final disposition.

18 “(III) A description of the rights  
19 and protections available to the com-  
20 plainant and respondent, including  
21 those described in paragraph  
22 (8)(B)(iv) and any other rights or  
23 protections that the complainant and  
24 respondent may have under the insti-  
25 tution’s policies.

1                   “(IV) A copy of the institution’s  
2                   applicable policies, and, if available,  
3                   related published informational mate-  
4                   rials.

5                   “(C) PENALTIES.—

6                   “(i) PENALTY RELATING TO SEXUAL  
7                   AND INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE SPECIAL-  
8                   ISTS.—The Secretary may impose a civil  
9                   penalty of not more than 1 percent of an  
10                  institution’s operating budget, as defined  
11                  by the Secretary, for each year that the in-  
12                  stitution fails to carry out the require-  
13                  ments of this paragraph following the ef-  
14                  fective date described in section 4(b)(1) of  
15                  the Campus Accountability and Safety Act.

16                  “(ii) OTHER PROVISIONS.—The Sec-  
17                  retary may impose a civil penalty of not  
18                  more than 1 percent of an institution’s op-  
19                  erating budget, as defined by the Sec-  
20                  retary, for each year that the institution  
21                  fails to carry out the requirements of this  
22                  paragraph following the effective date de-  
23                  scribed in section 4(b)(2) of the Campus  
24                  Accountability and Safety Act.

1                   “(iii) VOLUNTARY RESOLUTION.—  
2                   Notwithstanding any other provision of  
3                   this paragraph, the Secretary may enter  
4                   into a voluntary resolution with an institu-  
5                   tion of higher education that is subject to  
6                   a penalty under this subparagraph.

7                   “(iv) ADJUSTMENT TO PENALTIES.—  
8                   Any civil penalty under this subparagraph  
9                   may be reduced by the Secretary. In deter-  
10                  mining the amount of such penalty, or the  
11                  amount agreed upon in compromise, the  
12                  Secretary of Education shall consider the  
13                  appropriateness of the penalty to the size  
14                  of the operating budget of the educational  
15                  institution subject to the determination,  
16                  the gravity of the violation or failure, and  
17                  whether the violation or failure was com-  
18                  mitted intentionally, negligently, or other-  
19                  wise.”.

20                  (b) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

21                         (1) SEXUAL AND INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE  
22                         SPECIALIST.—Clause (i) of section 487(f)(21)(B) of  
23                         the Higher Education Act of 1965, as added by sub-  
24                         section (a), shall take effect on the date that is the  
25                         earlier of—

1           (A) 1 year after the Secretary of Edu-  
2 cation determines through a negotiated rule-  
3 making process what an adequate number of  
4 sexual and interpersonal violence specialists is  
5 for an institution based on an institution's size;  
6 or

7           (B) 3 years after the date of enactment of  
8 this Act.

9           (2) OTHER PROVISIONS.—Clauses (ii) through  
10 (viii) of section 487(f)(21)(B) of the Higher Edu-  
11 cation Act of 1965, as added by subsection (a), shall  
12 take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date  
13 of enactment of this Act.

14          (c) NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of  
15 Education shall establish regulations to carry out the pro-  
16 visions of this section, and the amendment made by this  
17 section, in accordance with the requirements described  
18 under section 492 of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
19 (20 U.S.C. 1098a).

20 **SEC. 5. GRANTS TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIMES ON CAMPUS.**

21          Section 304 of the Violence Against Women and De-  
22 partment of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34  
23 U.S.C. 20125) is amended—

24           (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “sexual  
25 harassment,” after “sexual assault,”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “sexual  
3 harassment,” after “sexual assault,”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “sexual  
5 harassment,” after “sexual assault,”;

6 (C) in paragraph (3), in the first sentence,  
7 by inserting “sexual harassment,” after “sexual  
8 assault,”;

9 (D) in paragraph (4), in the first sentence,  
10 by inserting “sexual harassment,” after “sexual  
11 assault,”;

12 (E) in paragraph (6), by inserting “sexual  
13 harassment,” after “sexual assault,”;

14 (F) in paragraph (7), by inserting “sexual  
15 harassment,” after “sexual assault,”;

16 (G) in paragraph (8), by inserting “sexual  
17 harassment,” after “sexual assault,”;

18 (H) in paragraph (9), by inserting “sexual  
19 harassment, sexual assault,” after “sexual vio-  
20 lence,”;

21 (I) in paragraph (10), by inserting “sexual  
22 harassment,” after “sexual assault,”;

23 (J) in paragraph (11), by inserting “sexual  
24 harassment,” after “sexual assault,”; and

1 (K) in paragraph (12), in the first sen-  
2 tence, by inserting “sexual harassment,” after  
3 “sexual assault,”;

4 (3) in subsection (c)(2)(B), by inserting “sexual  
5 harassment” after “sexual assault,”; and

6 (4) in subsection (d)(3)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
8 “sexual harassment,” after “sexual assault,”;

9 (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting  
10 “sexual harassment,” after “sexual assault,”;

11 and

12 (C) in subparagraph (D), by inserting  
13 “sexual harassment,” after “sexual assault,”.

14 **SEC. 6. GAO REPORT.**

15 The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

16 (1) conduct a study on the effectiveness and ef-  
17 ficiency of the grants to combat domestic violence,  
18 dating violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment,  
19 and stalking on campuses under section 304 of the  
20 Violence Against Women and Department of Justice  
21 Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20125); and

22 (2) submit a report, not later than 2 years after  
23 the date of enactment of this Act, on the study de-  
24 scribed in paragraph (1), to the Committee on  
25 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-

- 1 ate and the Committee on Education and Workforce
- 2 of the House of Representatives.

