
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SANTARSIERO, FLYNN, COSTA, HUGHES, COMITTA,
FONTANA, KANE, KEARNEY, COLLETT, SCHWANK, BREWSTER AND
CAPPELLETTI, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
2 entitled "An act providing for victims' rights; imposing
3 penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office of
4 Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the
5 Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender
6 Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals," in
7 crime victims, providing for responsibilities of institutions
8 of higher education.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
12 known as the Crime Victims Act, is amended by adding a section
13 to read:

14 Section 217. Responsibilities of institutions of higher
15 education.

16 (a) Notification.--Consistent with section 485(f)(8) of the
17 Higher Education Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-329, 20 U.S.C. §
18 1092(f)(8)), institutions of higher education shall provide a
19 concise, written notification of rights, accommodations and
20 protective measures to students and employees, including victims

1 of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and
2 stalking, regardless of where such incidences occurred,
3 including information regarding:

4 (1) Existing counseling, mental health, victim advocacy,
5 legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student
6 financial aid and other services available for victims, both
7 within the institution and in the community.

8 (2) Available options and assistance regarding how to
9 request changes to academic, living, transportation and
10 working situations or protective measures.

11 (b) Accommodations and protective measures.--The institution
12 shall make such accommodations or provide such protective
13 measures if the victim requests them and if they are reasonably
14 available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report
15 the crime to campus police or local law enforcement, and
16 regardless of where such incidences occurred.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.