

# Campus Safety and Violence Prevention Update

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# Agenda

- Campus Safety and Violence Prevention (CSVP) Updates
  - 2021 Campus Sexual Assault Law Work
    - DHE Annual Report for 2021
    - 2022 Incident Data Collection Process
    - The Future of Sexual Misconduct Surveys
  - 2022-2023 Training Opportunities
  - CSVP Website
- Questions

# Overview: Campus Sexual Assault Law

- *An Act Relative to Sexual Violence on Higher Education Campuses* ~ 337 Mass. Acts 2020 (Jan. 2021)
- Focuses on campus responses to sexual violence
- Applies to both public and private IHEs
- Effective Date: August 1, 2021
- Two major sections:
  - IHE Policies, Procedures & Reporting (G.L. c. 6, §168E)
  - Campus Climate Surveys (G.L. c. 6, §168D)

# IHE Responsibilities

**Specifically, under this new legislation, the IHE's are responsible for the following:**

- Provide regular prevention & awareness programming for students and employees
- Provide training to officials involved in response, investigation and disciplinary processes
- Designate confidential resource providers
- Provide options for anonymous reporting
- Include amnesty provisions
- Adhere to **annual reporting requirements**
- Enter into, or request waiver for, agreements with **community-based sexual assault crisis service centers and domestic violence programs**
- Enter into **MOUs with local law enforcement agencies (LEAs)**
- Conduct **sexual misconduct climate surveys** no less than once every 4 years

# DHE Annual Report

- DHE is responsible for the collection and assessment of the incident data points required under the law
- The result will be an **Annual Report** publication with aggregate statewide information on frequency/nature of sexual misconduct at IHEs
  - Report submitted to the Massachusetts Attorney General, the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the Joint Committee on Higher Education
- Also includes a summary of the implementation process and progress of the other components of the law

# 2022 Incident Data Collection Process

- Edvera Portal is on track to open by Nov 1
- Minor changes to the incident data to be collected based on stakeholder feedback
- Questions related to the MOUs' status remains the same
- Added questions regarding sexual misconduct surveys

*Reminder: IHEs submissions due by Dec 31, 2022*

# Future of Sexual Misconduct Surveys

- Task Force model questions and recommendations were approved by the Commissioner in the May 2021
- Under the law, IHEs have until Aug 1, 2025 to conduct its first survey in compliance with the law
- Model Questions are being input into a survey tool using a Qualtrics platform
- Federal Legislation tasked US DOE with generating similar survey
  - Requirement in the law seems to be in line with MA's model questions
  - Will require IHEs to conduct a survey every 2 years

# 2022-2023 Training Opportunities

## Open Discussion

- Topic Areas
- Full day vs half day
- Multiple topics vs singular focus
- Statewide Conference

*Last Year:* Stalking, Restorative Justice, Investigations and Report Writing, Trauma Informed Investigations, Domestic Violence



# Campus Safety and Violence Prevention Website

Link: <https://www.mass.edu/strategic/csvp.asp>

- New resources each month
- Quarterly CSVP Blog
- Updates on all things CSVP
- Welcome ideas, contributions, etc

# Questions?

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