
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2843 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY D. WILLIAMS, MADDEN, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS,
SCHLOSSBERG, ROTHMAN, O'MARA, GUZMAN, SANCHEZ, CEPHAS,
COVINGTON AND SOLOMON, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in postsecondary institution sexual
6 harassment and sexual violence policy and online reporting
7 system, further providing for policy for postsecondary
8 institution sexual harassment and sexual violence.

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

11 Section 1. Section 2002-J(a) of the act of March 10, 1949
12 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
13 amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to
14 read:

15 Section 2002-J. Policy for postsecondary institution sexual
16 harassment and sexual violence.

17 (a) Adoption.--A postsecondary institution shall adopt a
18 clear, understandable written policy on sexual harassment and
19 sexual violence that informs victims of their rights under
20 Federal and State law, including the crime victims bill of

1 rights. The policy shall meet or exceed the standards set in the
2 model policy under subsection (c).

3 * * *

4 (b.1) Investigation.--A postsecondary institution shall
5 investigate an incident of sexual harassment or sexual violence
6 following the timeline established in the policy under
7 subsection (a).

8 (b.2) Protection.--The sexual harassment and sexual violence
9 policy under subsection (a) shall include protections to be
10 provided to a witness or victim of an incident of sexual
11 harassment or sexual violence while an investigation is ongoing.

12 * * *

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.