

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 3456

Relating to sexual misconduct at institutions of higher education

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

HB 3456 establishes the 23-member Sexual Misconduct Survey Council and directs the council to develop a base survey for distribution to institutions of higher education. The base survey must gather data on the number and type of incidents of sexual misconduct at institutions of higher education to identify at-risk communities. Every two years, each institution must conduct a sexual misconduct climate survey of all enrolled students.

The measure requires institutions of higher education to employ a certified advocate to provide confidential victim services to students; enter a memorandum of understanding with a community-based, domestic and sexual violence advocacy agency; and conduct an annual sexual misconduct prevention and awareness training for all students and employees of the institution. The measure has various reporting requirements, takes effect on passage, and first applies to the 2023-24 academic year.

The –A10 amendment appropriates \$1,122,544 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission in the 2023-25 biennium to establish and support the council and conduct rulemaking. This funding supports the establishment of five positions, equivalent to 3.53 FTE.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 3456 be amended by the –A10 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.