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An Act Establishing a Campus Rape and Sexual Assault Prevention Advisory Council SB 2460

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General Summary of the Act

The act would direct the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to establish a campus rape and sexual assault prevention advisory council.

Relevant Specifics of the Act

Specifically, an Act Establishing Campus Rape and Sexual Assault Prevention Advisory Council would amend M.G.L. c.15A §9 (public education; powers and duties of council) by:

Requiring the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to create a campus rape and sexual assault prevention advisory council. The council would be charged with supporting campus groups that assist rape and sexual assault victims. It must also ensure that certain enumerated rights are afforded to rape and sexual assault victims, where 1) the incident took place on campus and where the victim or the alleged perpetrator is a student or 2) the victim is a student involved in an off-campus rape or sexual assault. The list of enumerated rights includes, but is not limited to: the right to be free from pressure by campus personnel to refrain from reporting crimes; the right to have any allegation treated seriously and to be notified of relevant campus services; and the same right to legal assistance and to have others present that the school permits to the accused.

Current Status

This bill is waiting assignment to a committee.