



# Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 954

*Senate, March 29, 2021*

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. SLAP of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF INCIDENTS THAT RESULTED IN SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURIES OR DEATH AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 10a-55a of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

4 (a) [On or before October 1, 1991, and annually thereafter, each] Each  
5 institution of higher education shall annually prepare [in such manner  
6 as the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities shall  
7 prescribe] a uniform campus crime report concerning crimes committed  
8 in the immediately preceding calendar year within the geographical  
9 limits of the property owned or under the control of such institution.  
10 Such report shall be in accordance with the uniform crime reporting  
11 system pursuant to section 29-1c, provided such report is limited to  
12 those offenses included in part I of the most recently published edition

13 of the Uniform Crime Reports for the United States as authorized by the  
 14 Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Department of  
 15 Justice, sexual assault under section 53a-70b of the general statutes,  
 16 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019, or sections 53a-70, 53a-70a,  
 17 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b and 53a-73a, stalking under sections 53a-181c,  
 18 53a-181d and 53a-181e and family violence as designated under section  
 19 46b-38h. The state police, local police departments and special police  
 20 forces established pursuant to section 10a-156b shall cooperate with  
 21 institutions of higher education in preparing such reports. Institutions  
 22 with more than one campus shall prepare such reports for each campus.

23 (b) Each annual report prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
 24 section shall include (1) the number of full-time equivalent students, (2)  
 25 the number of full-time equivalent employees, (3) the number of  
 26 students and employees residing in campus housing, [and] (4) the  
 27 number of incidents that occurred during the immediately preceding  
 28 calendar year within the geographical limits of the property owned or  
 29 under the control of an institution of higher education that resulted  
 30 serious physical injury or death, and (5) for each category of offense, the  
 31 number of incidents reported and the crime rate. The crime rate shall be  
 32 equal to the number of incidents reported divided by the total number  
 33 of full-time equivalent students and employees. As used in this  
 34 subsection, "serious physical injury" has the same meaning as provided  
 35 in section 53a-3.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	10a-55a(a) and (b)

**HED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which expands college and university crime reporting to include on-campus incidents that resulted in serious physical injury or death, results in no fiscal impact to the constituent units. The additional information can be tracked and reported with existing resources.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 954*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF INCIDENTS THAT RESULTED IN SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURIES OR DEATH AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill adds a new reporting requirement to the annual uniform campus crime report that all Connecticut colleges and universities prepare. It requires their reports to include the number of incidents resulting in serious physical injury or death that occurred in the immediately preceding calendar year on the property that they own or control.

Under the bill, “serious physical injury” means physical injury that creates substantial risk of death or causes serious disfigurement, serious impairment of health, or serious loss or impairment of a bodily organ’s function.

Additionally, the bill removes the requirement that the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities’ president determine how institutions must prepare their uniform campus crime reports. It also makes other technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

**BACKGROUND*****Uniform Campus Crime Reports***

Every Connecticut college and university must annually prepare a uniform campus crime report for each of its campuses with the help of state, local, and special campus police forces. The report must contain crimes committed in the immediately preceding calendar year on the property that the institution owns or controls, limited to the following

offenses: (1) those published in the most recent edition of the FBI and Department of Justice’s Uniform Crime Reports for the United States, part I, and (2) the following crimes as defined in state law: sexual assault, stalking, and family violence.

Additional details that must appear in the annual report include (1) the number of full-time equivalent students and employees, (2) the number of students and employees living on campus, and (3) the number of reported incidents and the crime rate for each category of offense (CGS § 10a-55a(a)-(b)).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22    Nay 0    (03/11/2021)