

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 968

By: Watson

S.R. No. 931

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill 968 (a sexual assault policy at certain public and private institutions of higher education and to requiring those institutions to provide students and employees an option to electronically report certain offenses to the institution) to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter which is not included in either the house or senate version of the bill in SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 51.9363, Education Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9363. [~~CAMPUS~~] SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY. (a) In this section, "postsecondary educational institution" means an [~~"]institution of higher education or a private or independent institution of higher education, as those terms are defined[" has the meaning assigned]~~] by Section 61.003.

(b) Each postsecondary educational institution [~~of higher education]~~ shall adopt a policy on [~~campus~~] sexual assault applicable to each student enrolled at and each employee of the institution. The policy must:

(1) include:

(A) definitions of prohibited behavior;

(B) sanctions for violations; and

(C) the protocol for reporting and responding to reports of [~~campus~~] sexual assault; and

(2) be approved by the institution's governing board before final adoption by the institution.

(c) Each postsecondary educational institution [~~of higher education~~] shall make the institution's [~~campus~~] sexual assault policy available to students, faculty, and staff members by:

(1) including the policy in the institution's student handbook and personnel handbook; and

(2) creating and maintaining a web page on the institution's Internet website dedicated solely to the policy.

(d) Each postsecondary educational institution [~~of higher education~~] shall require each entering freshman or undergraduate transfer student to attend an orientation on the institution's [~~campus~~] sexual assault policy before or during the first semester or term in which the student is enrolled at the institution. The institution shall establish the format and content of the orientation.

Explanation: This addition is necessary to expand to private or independent institutions of higher education the requirements regarding a sexual assault policy and to require the policy to encompass all incidents of sexual assault, regardless of whether those incidents occur on or off campus.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on May 28, 2017, by the  
following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate