

Bill Tracker

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In the House



The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA), the statewide association of 30 community-based rape crisis centers, supports the following legislation impacting sexual assault victims.

Support

SB 1588: Establishes a Sexual Harassment No Contact Order to provide protection from a course of conduct (two or more acts) directed at a specific person based on that individual's sex or gender that causes emotional distress, when the person engaging in the conduct knows or should have known that it would cause a reasonable person emotional distress.

House Sponsor: Rep. Willis (D)

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Bush (D)

Status: Passed the Senate 042-006-002, Re-referred to Rules Committee in the House

SB 449: Adds protections for victims of gender-based violence in public schools. Creates the Children and Youth Who Are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Gender-Based Violence Article, and requires the State Board of Education to create a working group to advise on the implementation of the Article. Each school district must review policies and procedures every two years and revise those that may act as a barrier to success in school of any youth who is a victim of gender-based violence or may compromise a criminal investigation relating to gender-based violence or may re-victimize the youth. On or before July 1, 2020, each school district must adopt one procedure to resolve complaints of alleged incidents of student-perpetrated, gender-based violence. Each school district must ensure all information concerning a youth's status and related experiences as a victim of gender-based violence shall be retained in the strictest confidence and designate at least one staff person trained to address, in a culturally responsive, confidential, and sensitive manner, the needs of victims of gender-based violence. Provides that a victim of gender-based violence must be permitted to transfer schools.

House Sponsors: Rep. Moeller (D), Rep. Mason (D), Rep. Villa (D), Rep. Mah (D), Rep. Ortiz (D), Rep. Gabel (D), Rep. Hernandez (D), Rep. Greenwood (D), Rep. Willis (D), Rep. Conroy (D), Rep. Slaughter; Rep. Welch (D)

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Lightford (D)

Status: Passed the Senate 040-017-000, on 2nd Reading in the House



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SB 1829: Creates the Workplace Transparency Act, prohibiting nondisclosure and non-disparagement clauses in employment agreements that cover harassment or discrimination, and providing that it is a civil rights violation for an employer to engage in sexual harassment of nonemployees in the workplace. Each employer is required to disclose information to the Department of Human Rights (IDHR), and IDHR shall produce a model training program for prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace. Establishes civil penalties for failure to report or train. Creates the Stopping Predators from Evading Allegations of Abuse of Kids Act, which prohibits sexual abuse of children in youth sports, requires reporting of abuse in youth sports, and requires posting of rights by youth recreational athletic entities. Creates the Sexual Harassment Victim Representation Act, providing when a union member accuses a member of the same union, the victim and accused may not be represented by same union representative.

House Sponsors: Rep. Willis (D), Rep. Edly-Allen (D), Rep. Guzzardi (D), Rep. Scherer (D), Rep. Ammons (D), Rep. Villanueva (D), Rep. Villa (D), Rep. Ortiz (D), Rep. Evans (D), Rep. Gong-Gershowitz (D), Rep. Costa Howard (D), Rep. Pappas (D), Rep. Didech (D), Rep. Andrade (D), Rep. Hernandez (D), Rep. Gordon-Booth (D), Rep. Greenwood (D), Rep. Lilly (D), Rep. Conroy (D), Rep. Rita (D), Rep. Davis (D), Rep. Cassidy (D), Rep. Morgan (D), Rep. Feigenholtz (D), Rep. Martwick (D), Rep. Moylan (D), Rep. Connor (D), Rep. Mason (D), Rep. Ford (D), Rep. Mah (D), Rep. Stuart (D), Rep. Williams (D)

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Bush (D)

Status: Passed the Senate 056-000-000, Re-referred to Rules Committee in the House



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HB 2135: A prosecution for criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse may be commenced at any time.

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Holmes (D), Sen. Fine (D) Sen. Glowiak (D), Sen. Murphy (D), Sen. Ellman (D), Sen. Mulroe (D), Sen. Collins (D), Sen. Crowe (D), Sen. Martinez (D), Sen. Steans (D), Sen. Rezin (R), Sen. Hunter (D), Sen. Bertino-Tarrant (D), Sen. Cunningham (D), Sen. Oberweis (R)

House Sponsor: Rep. Wheeler (R)

Status: Passed the House 113-000-000, on 2nd Reading in the Senate

HB 92: Protects survivors with warrants for non-violent offenses from arrest when they report sexual assault or seek emergency medical treatment or medical forensic services.

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Barickman (R), Sen. Villivalam (D)

House Sponsor: Rep. Kalish (D)

Status: Passed the House 088-020-003, on 2nd Reading in the Senate

HB 3550: Provides that course materials and instruction for sex education in grades 6-12 must include an age-appropriate discussion on the meaning of consent.

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Lightford (D), Sen. Bush (D), Sen. Holmes (D), Sen. Link (D), Sen. Gillespie (D), Sen. Hunter (D), Sen. Brady (R)

House Sponsor: Rep. Williams (D)

Status: Passed the House 103-006-000, on 2nd Reading in the Senate

HB 2142: Increases counseling or psychotherapy provided to an adult under guardianship, before consent of the guardian must be obtained, to 12 (rather than 5) sessions, lasting 60 (rather than 45) minutes.

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Morrison (D), Sen. Holmes (D)

House Sponsor: Rep. Davis (D)

Status: Passed the House 113-001-000, on 3rd Reading in the Senate



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HB 3299: Provides access to sex education for persons admitted to a developmental disability facility, including related resources and treatment planning that supports their right to sexual health and healthy sexual practices and to be free from sexual exploitation and abuse.

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Harmon (D), Sen. Holmes (D), Sen. Gillespie (D), Sen. Fine (D), Sen. Cullerton (D)

House Sponsor: Rep. Davis (D)

Status: Passed the House 068-042-000, on 2nd Reading in the Senate

HB 3191: Allows court to order that a pro se defendant must question victim through a court-appointed attorney in cases of criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual abuse, or aggravated criminal sexual abuse when victim's testimony will describe an act or attempted act of sexual conduct, and court finds direct questioning will cause victim to suffer serious emotional or mental distress.

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Bertino-Tarrant (D), Sen. Holmes (D), Sen. Cunningham (D)

House Sponsor: Rep. Connor (D)

Status: Passed the House 111-000-001, re-referred to Assignments in the Senate

HB 2118: Extends the Survivor Support and Trafficking Prevention Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code through June 30, 2022.

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Collins (D), Sen. Martinez (D), Sen. Peters (D), Sen. Villivalam (D), Sen. Gillespie (D)

House Sponsor: Rep. Hernandez (D)

Status: Passed the House 111-000-000, on 2nd Reading in the Senate

HB 252: Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to provide that “employer” includes any person employing one (instead of 15) or more employees within Illinois during 20 or more calendar weeks with in the calendar year of or preceding the alleged violation.

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Castro (D), Sen. Peters (D), Sen. Holmes (D), Sen. Gillespie (D), Sen. Martinez (D), Sen. Morrison (D), Sen. Villivalam (D), Sen. Muñoz (D), Sen. Bush (D)

House Sponsor: Rep. Guzzardi (D)

Status: Passed the House 074-040-000, on 3rd Reading in the Senate

HB 3584: Clarifies that victim statements submitted to the Prisoner Review Board are confidential and privileged.

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Bennett (D), Sen. Brady (R)

House Sponsor: Rep. Buckner (D)

Status: Passed the House 111-000-000, on 2nd Reading in the Senate



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