Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act: Key Considerations for Student Affairs Practice John Wesley Lowery, Ph.D. Professor, Student Affairs in Higher Education Indiana University of Pennsylvania

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This presentation provides an overview and update on the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act. Participants will receive insights into the laws' requirements, and the U.S. Department of Education's enforcement and recent statements, including the Stop Campus Hazing Act. Particular attention will be paid to aspects of the law with greatest relevance to student affairs practice.

Michigan State University (2019)
\$4.5 fine

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Michigan State Clery Act Violations

- "Lack of institutional control" (p. 33)
- "Failed to compile and disclose accurate and complete crime statistics because its crime statistics did not include the sex crimes that Nassar committed during the years in which the statistics were reported" (p. 8)
- "Failed to issue Timely Warnings to students and employees regarding Clery-reportable crimes that may have posed an ongoing threat to students and employees during the review period" (p. 13)
- "Substantially failed to actively seek out, identify, and notify institutional officials who are or were CSAs" (p. 22)
- "Michigan State substantially failed to develop and implement an adequate *Clery Act* compliance program during the years under review" (p. 33)

Liberty University (2024)	
\$14 million fine	
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Liberty University Clery Act Violations

The U.S. Department of Education's $\underline{\text{Final Program Review}}$ made numerous findings against Liberty including the following:

- · Lack of administrative capability,
- · Inaccurate and incomplete informational disclosures,
- Failure to comply with Violence Against Women Act Requirements,
- Failure to identify and notify campus securities and to establish an adequate system for collecting crime statistics from all required sources,
- Failure to properly classify and disclose crime statistics,
- Failure to issue timely warnings and emergency notifications in accordance with Clery regulations,
- Failure to maintain an accurate and complete daily crime log,
- Failure to define Clery geography in accordance with Federal regulations,
- Failure to comply with Title IV record retention requirements, and
- Failure to publish and distribute annual security report in accordance with Federal regulations

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Current Clery Act Violation Fines

\$71,545 per significant misrepresentation

January 21, 2025 Federal Register



Jeanne Clery (1966-1986)

- Raped and Murdered by a fellow student in her residence hall room on April 5, 1986 at Lehigh University.
- Josoph M. Henry was able to enter Jeanne's residence hall room through a series of residence hall doors propped open with pizza boxes.
- Josoph M. Henry was originally convicted and sentenced to death. In 2002, the death penalty was overturned, and Henry reached a plea agreement for life in prison without the possibility of parole to avoid a second punishment hearing.



Origins of the Clery Act



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Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act

- Originally passed in 1990 as part of the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act.
- Amended in 2008, 1998, and 1992 by the Higher Education Act reauthorization.
- Amended in 2013 by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act
- Amended in 2024 by the Stop Campus Hazing Act
- Codified at 20 USC 1092f.
- Regulations appear at 34 CFR 668.46.
- The three most recent Final Rules were published in the Federal Register
 Oct. 20, 2014 (pp. 62752-62790), Oct. 29, 2009 (pp. 55902-55969), Oct.
 31, 2002 (pp. 66519-66521), and Nov. 1, 1999 (pp. 59060-59073).

Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act

The Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act requires that all institutions of higher education which receive federal financial assistance produce an annual security report which is distributed to all current students and employees and a summary of which is available to all prospective students and employees.

Annual Security Report



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John Wesley Lowery, Ph.D. **Annual Security Report** The Annual Security Report Must Contain: · Procedures to report crimes; · Policies for responding to these reports of crimes; Policies for making timely warning reports to members of the campus community. • The policies for collecting crime statistics. A list of the university officials to whom crimes should be reported. Security of and access to campus facilities; **Annual Security Report** The Annual Security Report Must Contain: · Arrest authority of campus police; · Policies to encourage prompt reporting of crimes; · Policies, if any, to encourage pastoral counselors and professional counselors, to inform the persons they are counseling of any procedures to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. Programs to inform about crime and take personal responsibility for safety; · Programs on crime prevention. **Annual Security Report** · Policy on enforcement of underage drinking; · Policy on enforcing drug laws; • A description of drug and alcohol education programs; · Policy for monitoring and recording criminal activity at offcampus locations of recognized student groups.

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Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking	
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Programs to Prevent Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

 (i) A description of the institution's educational programs and campaigns to promote the awareness of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking

Procedures to Follow

- (A) The importance of preserving evidence that may assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred or may be helpful in obtaining a protection
- (B) How and to whom the alleged offense should be reported;
- (C) Options about the involvement of law enforcement and campus authorities, including notification of the victim's option to—
 - (1) Notify proper law enforcement authorities, including on-campus and local police; (2) Be assisted by campus authorities in notifying law enforcement authorities if the victim so chooses; and
 - (3) Decline to notify such authorities; and
- (D) Where applicable, the rights of victims and the institution's responsibilities for orders of protection, "no-contact" orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court or by the institution;

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John Wesley Lowery, Ph.D. Confidentiality (iii) Information about how the institution will protect the confidentiality of victims and other necessary parties, including how the institution (A) Complete publicly available recordkeeping, including Clery Act reporting and disclosures, without the inclusion of personally identifying information about the victim, as defined in section 40002(a)(20) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13925(a)(20)); and (B) Maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided to the victim, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the accommodations or protective measures; **Written Notification** A statement that the institution will provide written notification to students and employees about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available for victims, both within the institution and in the community; A statement that the institution will provide written notification to victims about options for, available assistance in, and how to request changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations or **protective measures**. The institution must make such accommodations or provide such protective measures if the victim requests them and if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to campus police or local law enforcement; **Written Notification** (vi) An explanation of the procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as required by paragraph (k) of this section; and (vii) A statement that, when a student or employee reports to the institution that the student or employee has been a victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether the offense occurred on or off campus, the institution will provide the student or employee a written explanation of the student's or employee's rights and options, as described in paragraphs (b)(11)(ii) through (vi) of this section.

VAWA **Programs to Prevent Dating** Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

Incoming Students and New Employees

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- (i) A description of the institution's primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees, which must include-
 - (A) A statement that the institution prohibits the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as those terms are defined in paragraph (a) of this section;
 - (B) The definition of "dating violence," "domestic violence," "sexual assault," and "stalking" in the applicable jurisdiction;
 - (C) The definition of "consent," in reference to sexual activity, in the applicable jurisdiction;
 - (D) A description of safe and positive options for bystander intervention;
 - (E) Information on risk reduction; and
 - (F) The information described in paragraphs (b)(11) and (k)(2) of this section; and

Students and Employees

- (ii) A description of the institution's ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for students and employees, including information described in paragraph (j)(1)(i)(A) through (F) of this section....
- (iii) Ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns means programming, initiatives, and strategies that are sustained over time and focus on increasing understanding of topics relevant to and skills for addressing dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, using a range of strategies with audiences throughout the institution and including information described in paragraph (j)(1)(i)(A) through (F) of this section

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Procedures for Institutional Disciplinary Action in Cases of Alleged Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking



Procedures of In	stitutional	Disciplinary
Action		

An institution must include in its annual security report a clear statement of policy that addresses the procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as defined in paragraph (a) of this section, and that—

(1)(i) Describes each type of disciplinary proceeding used by the institution; the steps, anticipated timelines, and decision-making process for each type of disciplinary proceeding; how to file a disciplinary complaint; and how the institution determines which type of proceeding to use based on the circumstances of an allegation of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

Procedures for Institutional Disciplinary Action

- (ii) Describes the standard of evidence that will be used during any institutional disciplinary proceeding arising from an allegation of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- (iii) Lists all of the possible sanctions that the institution may impose following the results of any institutional disciplinary proceeding for an allegation of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and
- (iv) Describes the range of protective measures that the institution may offer to the victim following an allegation of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

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John Wesley Lowery, Ph.D. **Procedures for Institutional Disciplinary** Action Provides that the proceedings will-(i)Include a prompt, fair, and impartial process from the initial investigation to the (ii)Be conducted by officials who, at a minimum, receive annual training on the issues related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and on how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability; (iii) Provide the accuser and the accused with the same opportunities to have others present during any institutional disciplinary proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice; (iv)Not limit the choice of advisor or presence for either the accuser or accused in any meeting or institutional disciplinary proceeding; however, the institution may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both Procedures for Institutional Disciplinary Require simultaneous notification, in writing, to both the accuser and the accused, of-(A)The result of any institutional disciplinary proceeding that arises from an allegation of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; (B)The institution's procedures for the accused and the victim to appeal the result of the institutional disciplinary proceeding, if such procedures are available; (C) Any change to the result; and (D) When such results become final. Procedures for Institutional Disciplinary Action A prompt, fair, and impartial proceeding includes a proceeding that is-(A) Completed within reasonably prompt timeframes designated by an institution's policy, including a process that allows for the extension of timeframes for good cause with written notice to the accuser and the accused of the delay and the reason for the delay; (B) Conducted in a manner that-(1) Is consistent with the institution's policies and transparent to the accuser and accused; (2) Includes timely notice of meetings at which the accuser or accused, or both, may be present; (3) Provides timely and equal access to the accuser, the accused, and appropriate officials to any

information that will be used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings; and (C) Conducted by officials who do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or

against the accuser or the accused.

John Wesley Lowery, Ph.D. **Procedures for Institutional Disciplinary** Action (ii) Advisor means any individual who provides the accuser or accused support, guidance, or advice. (iii) Proceeding means all activities related to a non-criminal resolution of an institutional disciplinary complaint, including, but not limited to, fact-finding investigations, formal or informal meetings, and hearings. Proceeding does not include communications and meetings between officials and victims concerning accommodations or protective measures to be provided to a victim. (iv) Result means any initial, interim, and final decision by any official or entity authorized to resolve disciplinary matters within the institution. The result must include any sanctions imposed by the institution. Notwithstanding section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g), commonly referred to as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the result must also include the rationale for the result and the sanctions. **Victim Notification** The institution will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of any crime of violence, or a nonforcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by such institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense with respect to such crime or offense. If the alleged victim of such crime or offense is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim. Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (passed October 2000) The Campus Sex Crime Prevention Act requires (starting in 2003) that states provide institutions with the names of all students and employees who are registered sex offenders and that institutions make this information available and include in the annual security report where this information can be obtained.

Federal Register, Final Rule October 31, 2002

Sec. 668.46 Institutional security policies and crime statistics. Beginning with the annual security report distributed by October 1, 2003, a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a State under section 170101(j) of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14071(j)), concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained, such as the law enforcement office of the institution, a local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction for the campus, or a computer network address. (pp. 66519-66521)

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Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures



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Emergency versus Timely

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

- Broader focus any significant emergency or dangerous situation
- Anywhere on campus
- Entire campus or segment(s)
- Issue alert immediately upon confirmation

TIMELY WARNINGS

- Narrower focus Clery Act crimes
- Clery Act geographic area
- · Reach entire campus community
- Issue warning as soon as pertinent info is available

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Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures	
(1) The procedures the institution will use to immediately	
notify the campus community upon the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an	
immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on the campus; (p. 55945)	
Emergency Response and Evacuation	
Procedures	
(2) A description of the process the institution will use to— (i) Confirm that there is a significant emergency or dangerous	
situation as described in paragraph (g)(1) of this section; (ii) Determine the appropriate segment or segments of the campus community to receive a notification;	-
(iii) Determine the content of the notification; and (iv) Initiate the notification system. (p. 55945)	
Emergency Response and Evacuation	1
Procedures	,
(3) A statement that the institution will, without delay, and	
taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the	
notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities,	
compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency;	
(4) A list of the titles of the person or persons or organization or organizations responsible for carrying out the actions	
described in paragraph (g)(2) of this section; (p. 55945)	

Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

- (5) The institution's procedures for disseminating emergency information to the larger community; and
- (6) The institution's procedures to test the emergency response and evacuation procedures on at least an annual basis, including—
 - (i) Tests that may be announced or unannounced;
 - (ii) Publicizing its emergency response and evacuation procedures in conjunction with at least one test per calendar year; and
 - (iii) Documenting, for each test, a description of the exercise, the date, time, and whether it was announced or unannounced. (p. 55945)

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Timely Warning

"An institution must make a timely warning to the campus community of the following crimes reported to a campus security authority or local police, if the institution believes a crime represents a threat to students and employees."



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If you have on-campus housing, you must establish a missing-

3. Notification under the policy if campus law enforcement determines that the student has been missing for more

student notification procedure that includes:

1. Notification of campus officials within 24 hours of

2. Immediate referral of all reports to campus law

determining a student is missing

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than 24 hours.

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The Annual Security Report must include the statistics three most recent calendar years concerning the occurrence on campus, in or on noncampus buildings or property, and on public property of the following crimes that are reported to local police agencies or to a campus security authority.

Four General Clery Crime Categories

- Criminal Offenses
- VAWA Offenses
- Hate Crimes
- · Arrests and Referrals for Disciplinary Action

Crime Statistics 3. Robbery 1. Criminal homicide: 4. Aggravated assault (A) Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter 5. Burglary (B) Negligent manslaughter 6. Motor vehicle theft 2. Sex offenses: 7. Arson • Rape · Fondling Incest • Statutory Rape Offense Hierarchy 1. Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter 2. Manslaughter by Negligence 3. Sex Offenses 4. Robbery 5. Aggravated Assault 6. Burglary 7. Motor Vehicle Theft **Hierarchy Rule Exceptions** Sexual Assault • If rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape occurs in the same incident as a murder, the institution must record both the sex offense and the murder in its statistics • Fondling is recognized as an element of the other sex

offenses; Include a sexual assault as fondling only if it is the

only sexual assault

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John Wesley Lowery, Ph.D. **Hierarchy Rule Exceptions** Arson · Arson is always counted • Multiple offenses – report most serious along with arson • Incidents in which persons are killed as a direct result of arson - classified as a homicide and arson **VAWA Crime Statistics** The VAWA regulations added the following offenses to the statistics that must be reported: Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking **Dating Violence** Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. (i)The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in (ii)For the purposes of this definition— (A) Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. (B) Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence. (iii) For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and § 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes

of Clery Act reporting.

John Wesley Lowery, Ph.D. **Dating Relationship** · When the reporting party asserts that there was a dating relationship, institutions should err on the side of assuming that the victim and the perpetrator were in a dating relationship to avoid incorrectly omitting incidents from the crime statistics and the crime log. • Third parties who are reporting an incident of dating violence are not required to use specific terms to characterize the relationship or to characterize the relationship at all; however, they should be asked whether they can characterize the relationship. · Ultimately, the institution is responsible for determining whether the incident is an incident of dating violence. **Domestic Violence** (i) A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed-(A) By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; (B) By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common; (C) By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; (D) By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred, or (E) By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred. (ii) For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and § 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting. Stalking (i) Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to-(A) Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or (B) Suffer substantial emotional distress. (ii) For the purposes of this definition-(A) Course of conduct means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person's property. (B) Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.

(C) Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or

counseling.

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John Wesley Lowery, Ph.D. **Arrests: Use Discretion** · If there are multiple arrest or referral counts, determine which to count and document justification. • Officer discretion is allowed only for illegal weapons possession, drug, and liquor law violations that occur during the same incident. **Referrals for Disciplinary Action** The Handbook stated that if the process involves the following three criteria, it is a disciplinary action under Clery: 1. The official receiving the referral must initiate a disciplinary action; 2. A record of the action must be kept; and 3. The action may, but does not have to, result in a sanction. **Counting Referrals** "A Resident Assistant (RA) has the duty of loading disciplinary information into an electronic database. She enters the names of 15 students who were at an on-campus party where there was drinking. The RA's supervisor begins the disciplinary action process by reviewing the information in the database. She determines that five of those students were not involved in the drinking activities and did not

violate any liquor laws. Nothing more is done in terms of disciplinary action for those five individuals. The disciplinary process continues for the remaining 10 individuals who were

at the party." (p. 3-50)

Excluded from Crime Statistics

- Non-Clery Act crimes (vandalism, theft, disorderly conduct, drunk driving, etc.)
- Crimes outside Clery geographic area
- Unfounded crimes

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Investigated by law enforcement Found to be false or baseless – no offense occurred or was attempted "Unfounded" – not included in statistics

Unfounded Crimes

An institution may withhold, or subsequently remove, a reported crime from its crime statistics in the rare situation where sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel have fully investigated the reported crime and, based on the results of this full investigation and evidence, have made a formal determination that the crime report is false or baseless and therefore "unfounded." Only sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel may "unfound" a crime report for purposes of reporting under this section. The recovery of stolen property, the low value of stolen property, the refusal of the victim to cooperate with the prosecution, and the failure to make an arrest do not "unfound" a crime report.



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Campus Security Act

Crimes (including Hate Crimes) shall be reported in separate categories for:

- A. On campus
- B. Of the crimes on campus, the number of crimes that took place in dormitories or other residential facilities for students on campus
- C. In or on a noncampus building or property
- D. On public property

Campus

- (1) Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls; and
- (2) Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the area identified in paragraph (1) of this definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor).

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Noncampus Building or Property	
(1) Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or (2) Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.	
Public Property	
All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.	
Campus Security	
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Campus Security Authority · Campus police/security department · Individuals responsible for security · Access monitor · Resident assistant • Individual or offices designated to receive crime reports · Officials with significant responsibility for student and campus activities **Campus Security Authority** · Dean of students who oversees student housing, a student center, or student extracurricular activities • Director of athletics, all athletic coaches (including part-time employees and graduate assistants) · Faculty advisor to a student group • Student resident advisor or assistant Student who monitors access to residence halls or buildings that are owned by recognized student organizations · Coordinator of Greek affairs Title IX Coordinator Who Is Not a CSA? · Faculty without responsibility for student or campus activities outside the classroom · Support staff Clerical · Food service workers

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Classifying CSAs

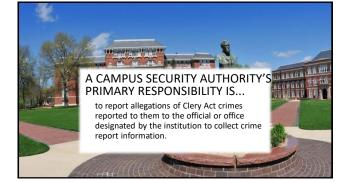
If your institution directs students or employees to report crimes to other individuals, those individuals are CSAs, including:

- Physicians in a campus health center
- Counselors, including peer counselors (except for professional or pastoral counselors)
- Health educators

Who is exempt?

- Pastoral counselors
- Professional counselors
 - Applies to mental health counselors employed or under contract by the institution
- Person uncertified but acting under the supervision of an exempt counselor

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Stop Campus Hazing Act	
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Stop Campus Hazing Act	
September 21, 2023 Legislation introduced in the House. September 11, 2024 Passed by the House Committee on	
Education & the Workforce. September 24, 2024 Passed by the full House on a voice vote.	
December 11, 2024 Passed by the Senate by unanimous consent.	
December 23, 2024 Signed into law by President Biden (Public Law No: 118-173)	
Stop Campus Hazing Act	
Core Requirements of the Stop Campus Hazing Act:	
Inclusion of hazing statistics in the institution's Annual Security Report (ASR). Institutions must begin collecting	
statistics on January 1, 2025.	
 The development and inclusion of specific hazing policies in the Annual Security Report (ASR). 	
Creation of the Campus Hazing Transparency Report.	

John Wesley Lowery, Ph.D. **ASR Statistics: Stop Campus Hazing Act** Institutions were required to begin collecting statistics on January 1, 2025 (to be included in the October 2026 ASR). Considerations in counting: · Reported to campus security authorities or local law enforcement, • Counting using hazing incidents which will mean if the same people are engaged in multiple hazing acts with insignificant intervals of time and place—this is one hazing incident for reporting statistics. **Definitions: Stop Campus Hazing Act** An organization at an institution of higher education (such as a club, society, association, varsity or junior varsity athletic team, club sports team, fraternity, sorority, band, or student Student government) in which two or more of the Organization members are students enrolled at the institution of higher education, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the institution. **Definitions: Stop Campus Hazing Act** Any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that-(I) is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student Hazing organization; and (II) causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization, of physical or

psychological injury

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John Wesley Lowery, Ph.D. **CHTR: Stop Campus Hazing Act** For student organizations found responsible of hazing violations, the CHTR must contain: · The name of the student organization; • A general description of the hazing violation, including whether alcohol or drugs were involved; • Sanctions imposed; and · Key dates: · When the incident happened, · When the investigation began, · When the finding was reached, and • When the organization was notified of the finding. **CHTR: Stop Campus Hazing Act** There are key differences between incidents included in the ASR and the CHTR: · Only student organizations recognized by the institution. · Only cases in which there is a finding of responsibility. • Using the institution's hazing definition, not the definition in the legislation. · Appears to not be limited to the Clery Act campus definition. **Next Steps: Stop Campus Hazing Act** The U.S. Department of Education will develop regulations to implement the Stop Campus Hazing Act: · Required to developed using Negotiated Rulemaking, · Will likely take more than a year, and • ED may release a Dear Colleague Letter or other guidance to assist institutions with compliance prior to the publication of the Final Rule.

Next Steps: Stop Campus Hazing Act

What your campus should do now in response to the ${\bf Stop\ Campus\ Hazing\ Act:}$

- Take affirmative steps to ensure that campus security authorities are aware of the require to share reports of hazing through your institutional process.
- Bring together key stakeholders to begin discussing training and policy obligations. Be sure to include: athletics, club sports, fraternity and sorority life, marching band, and student activities.
- Determine if your Clery Act Compliance Team should be expanded in light of these new requirements.

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Annual Security Report

- (e) Annual security report. (1) Enrolled students and current employees—annual security report. By **October 1** of each year, an institution must distribute, to all enrolled students and current employees, its annual security report described in Sec. 668.46(b), through appropriate publications and mailings, including—
- (i) Direct mailing to each individual through the U.S. Postal Service, campus mail, or electronic mail;
- (ii) A publication or publications provided directly to each individual; or
- (iii) Posting on an Internet website or an Intranet website, subject certain restrictions.

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Notice to enrolled students. (1) An institution annually must distribute to all enrolled students a notice of the availability of the information required to be disclosed pursuant by the Campus Security Act. The notice must list and briefly describe the information and tell the student how to obtain the information.	
Annual Security Report	
An institution that discloses information to enrolled students as required under the Campus Security Act by posting the information on an Internet website or an Intranet website must include in the notice — (i) The exact electronic address at which the information is posted; and (ii) A statement that the institution will provide a paper copy of the information on request.	
Annual Security Report	
A copy of [name of institution]'s annual security report. This report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus	
buildings or property owned or controlled by [name of institution]; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such	
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by accessing the following website [address of website]. (p. 43583)	

Record Retention and the Campus Security Act

Institutions must maintain retain records to substantiate the information released under the Campus Security Act for 3 calendar years after the final disclosure (34 CFR 668.24). This effectively means 7 years because a crime occurred and reported in January 2009 would be included in the 2010, 2011, and 2012 annual security reports and would have to be maintained for 3 years after the last disclosure.

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Record Retention

Copies of Crime Reports

Daily Crime Log

Arrests And Referrals for Disciplinary Action

Timely Warning Reports

Letters to/from Campus Security Authorities

Letters to/from Local Police (Clery Act Items)

ED Correspondence on Clery Act Items

ASR Availability Notices to Students and Employees

Clery Act Whistleblower Protections (HEOA)

(17) Nothing in this subsection [The Clery Act] shall be construed to permit an institution, or an officer, employee, or agent of an institution, participating in any program under this title to retaliate, intimidate, threaten, coerce, or otherwise discriminate against any individual with respect to the implementation of any provision of this subsection.



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On-Campus Student Housing Facility

 On-campus student housing facility: A dormitory or other residential facility for students that is located on an institution's campus, as defined in § 668.46(a) (p. 55943).

Note: This new definition applies to the fire safety, missing student, and existing campus security regulations.

Annual Fire Safety Report

- Required the initial report by October 2, 2010
- May be combined with the Annual Security Report, but title must be clear.
- May publish two separate reports, each report must include information about the other.

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programs provided to the students and employees. In these policies, the institution must describe the procedures that students and employees should follow in the case of a fire. For purposes of including a fire in the statistics in the annual fire safety report, a list of the titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report

Plans for future improvements in fire safety, if determined

necessary by the institution. (p. 55946)

that a fire occurred.

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Annual Fire Safety Report: Notice and Disclosure

- Enrolled students and current employees—annual security report and annual fire safety report. By October 1 of each year, an institution must distribute to all enrolled students and current employees its annual security report described in § 668.46(b), and, if the institution maintains an oncampus student housing facility, its annual fire safety report described in § 668.49(b).
- Prospective students and prospective employees—annual security report and annual fire safety report. For each of the reports, the institution must provide a notice to prospective students and prospective employees that includes a statement of the report's availability, a description of its contents, and an opportunity to request a copy. (p. 55943)

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Fire Log

Campuses with an on-campus student housing facility will also be required to maintain a written fire log that is "easily understood fire log that records, by the date that the fire was reported, any fire that occurred in an on-campus student housing facility. This log must include the nature, date, time, and general location of each fire" (p. 55946).

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