Senate Bill 5719

- Develop a set of best practices that institutions of higher education may employ to promote the awareness of campus sexual violence, reduce the occurrence of campus sexual violence, and enhance student safety

- Develop recommendations for improving institutional campus sexual violence policies and procedures

- Develop recommendations for improving collaboration amongst institutions and law enforcement; and report to the Legislature and the institutions of higher education on its goals and recommendations annually
Senate Bill 5719: Task Force Members

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Task Force Subcommittees

- Prevention Subcommittee
- Campus Climate Assessment Subcommittee
- Student Conduct Processes Subcommittee
- Criminal Justice Subcommittee
- Memoranda of Understanding Subcommittee
Prevention Best Practices

- Required Orientation for Incoming Students
  - Definition of sexual misconduct
  - Consent skills
  - Bystander intervention training

- Green Dot Training: Interactive program designed to increase awareness of and prevent power-based interpersonal violence, including sexual violence
Prevention Best Practices

- Faculty and Staff Training on sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct prevention

- Awareness Campaigns
  - Webpages dedicated to providing information about Title IX, safety planning, bystander intervention and interpersonal violence
  - Posters, digital signage, brochures and cards with information about consent, resources, and reporting
Subcommittee Highlights

- Creating recommendations for a user friendly, trauma informed student conduct process
  
  - Current timelines for student conduct can be lengthy. Timelines are influenced by requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act and institution specific policies and procedures

- Creating recommendations for baseline knowledge for response personnel across higher education, law enforcement, & criminal justice
  
  - Topic areas include adult victims, alcohol facilitated violence, and diverse relationships/sexual contact
  
  - Funding for training
Subcommittee Highlights

- Examining recent actions of other entities to address information sharing between institutions about a student’s conduct history

- For institutions not already engaged in a campus climate assessment or planning for an assessment, the timeline and funding present challenges to getting the best possible results
  - Institutions are voluntarily coordinating assessment efforts

- Effective prevention programs occur as multi-session, multi-modal programs that occur throughout a student’s education and progress developmentally
  - Collaboration between higher education and K-12 and funding are imperative to successful prevention efforts
  - Prevention efforts conducted in one-time sessions are ineffective (according to CDC)
Related 2015 State Legislation

- **HB 1068 (Concerning sexual assault rape kits)**
  - The task force shall submit a preliminary report regarding its initial findings and recommendations no later than December 1, 2015
  - The task force shall report its findings and recommendations by September 30, 2016, and by September 30th of each subsequent year

- **SB 5518 (Creating procedures to address campus sexual violence)**
  - Requires the SBCTC, COP, and ICW to report by July 1, 2016, on steps taken by their institutions to enter into memoranda of understanding with local law enforcement that set forth each party’s respective roles & responsibilities related to the prevention and response to sexual assault
  - Requires COP and the SBCTC to report on findings (from having conducted a campus climate assessment to gauge campus sexual assault prevalence) by December 31, 2016. The report must also include a plan or proposal to undertake a statewide public awareness campaign on campus sexual violence