



The following is a list of legislation that JDI has prioritized in the current legislative session. This will be updated over time and does not necessarily represent all bills that JDI may support.

Education and Prevention

An Act Relative to Sexual Violence on Higher Education Campuses ([S764/H1209](#))

Comprehensive legislation to address policy, prevention and services to students experiencing sexual assault at institutions of higher education. The provisions found within will empower student survivors with the tools they need to safely continue their education.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Michael Moore & Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier

An Act Requiring Sexual Misconduct Surveys at Institutions of Higher Education ([S736/H1208](#))

Mandate campus sexual assault climate surveys at all institutions of higher education. Survey results will allow schools to improve their response to campus sexual violence based on student feedback.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. William Brownsberger & Rep. Lori Ehrlich

An Act Relative to Healthy Youth ([S263/H410](#))

Ensure that sexuality education, when taught, is age appropriate and medically accurate. Educating youth on how to identify and have healthy, respectful relationships free of violence is a preventative measure to ending sexual violence.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Sal DiDomenico & Reps. James O'Day, and Paul Brodeur

Human Rights

An Act to Protect the Civil Rights and Safety of All MA Residents (Safe Communities Act) ([S1401/H3573](#))

Preserve and restore community trust in police by separating law enforcement and immigration, making it safer for survivors to come forward to seek support and services. Survivors deserve to feel safe asking law enforcement for help.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. James B. Eldridge & Reps. Ruth Balser and Liz Miranda

Economic Justice

An Act to Lift Kids out of Deep Poverty ([S36/H102](#))

Set a floor on cash assistance at 50% of the federal poverty level. Sexual and domestic violence impacts all social and economic backgrounds, and survivors should feel supported by the system as they work to rebuild their life.

Lead sponsors: Sen. Sal DiDomenico & Rep. Marjorie Decker

An Act Relative to the Defense against Abusive Waivers ([S1049/H1625](#))

Prohibits the use of abusive "pre-dispute waivers" of important employee rights, including in cases of sexual harassment in workplaces. Employees should not have to choose between forgoing legal right and remedies, or securing employment.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Harriette Chandler & Rep. Kenneth Gordon