Prevent sexual violence on college campuses, and support student survivors!

**Sexual Violence on College Campuses is a Long-Standing Problem**

- More than half a million students are enrolled in MA Institutions of Higher Education
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college nationally
- In 2014, there were 283 reports of rape at MA institutions of higher education; with only 7% of campus rapes reported to school officials, the actual number of incidents is likely much higher
- In addition to reported rapes, 43% of college women report experiencing violent and abusive dating behaviors and 13% of college women report being stalked during their time at college

**Sexual Violence Costs Trillions of Dollars**

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates:

- **Lifetime cost of rape is $122,461 per victim**
  - x 25 million reported victims of rape in the US
  - = $3.1 trillion in lifetime costs

*Costs include:* Short & long-term physical and mental health treatment, lost work productivity, criminal justice, and property loss or damage. These estimates do not include costs to victims’ friends and families.

*Additionally:* 1 out of 50 students who experience sexual violence lose one semester of tuition, costing an average $5,150 per person, an estimated total of nearly $2 billion nationally.

**“An Act Relative to Sexual Violence on Higher Education Campuses” will:**

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<td>Requires all institutions of higher education to create and communicate a policy on sexual and gender-based violence.</td>
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<td>Encourages institutions to establish and build on relationships with local rape crisis centers and domestic violence programs to develop survivor-led prevention programming on campuses.</td>
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**Improve access to resources for survivors**

- Institutions will be required to notify survivors of their rights and available resources, including how to access support services and health care on and off-campus, how to access protective measures, and what reporting options exist on campus and off.
- Designates confidential resource advisors who can protect student privacy and encourages memorandum of understanding with community based sexual and domestic violence programs.

**Supporting Organizations**

- American Association of University Women
- Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)
- Every Voice Coalition
- Jane Doe Inc., the MA Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
- Know Your IX
- Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance

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