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AB- 2070 Fact Sheet

Preventing Dating and Domestic Violence on College Campuses

SUMMARY

AB 2070 would expand on the existing orientation requirements for college campuses by requiring education and discussion about dating and domestic violence.

THIS BILL

This bill would add that, in addition to outreach and orientation programming around sexual assault, there should be:

- Education on the warning signs of dating and domestic violence;
- Training on the prevention of dating and domestic violence; and
- On and Off campus resources, laws, and policies, which impact and can be utilized by the student as it relates to dating and domestic violence

EXISTING LAW/BACKGROUND

After the rescinding of the Dear Colleague Letter by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, there exists much uncertainty on the future of required training and prevention surrounding sexual assault on college campuses.

According to the California Women's Health Survey (CWHS), 40% of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes, with traditional college aged women (18-24) being 11% more likely to experience physical intimate partner violence or dating violence.

Current law requires college campuses in the State of California, as a part of their outreach and orientation programming, to discuss issues relating to sexual misconduct. These include, but are not limited to the campus sexual assault policy, the affirmative consent standard, the rights and responsibilities of the student, and the variety of resources available.

This mandated programming is currently not required to include key aspects to the conversations centered around dating and domestic violence, which often leads to greater forms of physical and sexual assault. This omission leads to a greater misunderstanding of what constitutes dating violence and can discourage victims from seeking assistance.

SUPPORT

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV)
California State Student Association (CSSA)

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