

Data Reporting Form in Compliance with RSA 188-H:12

On July 20th, 2020, a bill written by students, advocated for by survivor advocates, and supported by New Hampshire's Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) was signed into law. RSA 188:H Relative to Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education, is the first law passed in the state's history aimed at addressing campus sexual violence. This law mandates that NH IHEs adopt comprehensive policies on sexual violence, offer support for students experiencing campus sexual violence, implement preventative measures, and increase transparency.

To increase transparency, RSA 188-H:12 Data Reporting aims to expand the scope of data reported by IHEs beyond what is currently required under the Clery Act. Requirements for reporting under RSA 188-H include the number of allegations of sexual misconduct, number of law enforcement investigations, number of students found responsible or not responsible under IHE policy, and the number of disciplinary actions imposed on those found responsible.

Collecting detailed data on rates of sexual violence will allow IHEs to tailor solutions to the unique circumstances of their campus communities and test the effectiveness of prevention and awareness programs. Specifically, including data outlined as optional in the following form help those reviewing the data to identify the trends of underreporting, outcomes of reports, and match those up with the number of enrolled students to get a sense of reporting rates on campus. This reporting form, when optional fields are completed and considered in the context of other factors, may help IHEs and other stakeholders track trends.

Optional fields include:

- Total number of students enrolled
- If known, number of allegations with penetration
- Allegations of sexual harassment
- Allegations of sexual exploitation
- Additional disclosures not included above, including by or against third parties
- Optional formal complaints received during reporting period
- Pending investigations resulting from allegations reported in section I above

The goals of including these optional fields are to:

- Close the gaps
- Provide a complete picture of the impact of sexual misconduct on students' lives and the overall safety of our educational programs and communities
- Advocating for future solutions, including policy/legislation or resource allocation

Please see the attached form to be completed by your Title IX Coordinator or designee. It needs to be submitted annually by October 1st. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Educator Support and Higher Education, New Hampshire Department of Education.