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# SaVE ACT

FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The Violence Against Women Act was enacted in 1994. This federal legislation combined new provisions to hold offenders accountable with programs to provide services for the victims of such violence.

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA), which was signed into law in 2013, imposes new obligations on colleges and universities under its Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act) provision, Section 304. VAWA's SaVE Act provision imposes new reporting requirements.

## CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE ELIMINATION (SaVE) ACT SUMMARY

**The Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act includes four main components designed to improve campus safety and support for victims of sexual violence. These components are:**

**Transparency:** Institutions must expand their annual crime reports to include statistics on incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. This transparency ensures that students and employees are informed about the prevalence of these crimes on their campuses.

**Victim Rights:** The SaVE Act requires institutions to provide written information to victims of sexual violence about their rights. This includes information on how to report incidents, options for involving law enforcement and the availability of protective measures such as no-contact orders. Victims are also entitled to information about counseling, health services, mental health services, victim advocacy, legal assistance and other resources.

**Disciplinary Procedures:** Colleges and universities must adopt and disclose clear procedures for institutional disciplinary actions in cases of sexual violence. These procedures must ensure a prompt, fair, and impartial process from the initial investigation to the final resolution. Both the accuser and the accused must have equal opportunities to have others present during disciplinary proceedings and be informed of the outcome.

**Education and Prevention Programs:** The SaVE Act mandates that institutions implement primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees. These programs should cover topics such as the definition of consent, bystander intervention, risk reduction and the institution's policies and procedures regarding sexual violence. Additionally, institutions must offer ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for the entire campus community.

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