

HB 1678 -- CAMPUS SAFETY

SPONSOR: Solon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education in Missouri to engage in discussions with law enforcement agencies and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving students on and off campus.

The MOU must contain detailed policies and protocols regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving students that comports with the best and current professional practices, and set out the procedural requirements for the reporting of an offense, protocol for establishing jurisdiction, and criteria for determining when an offense must be reported to law enforcement.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would help institutions of higher education to work with law enforcement and develop policies and procedures that are best for the community and the student population.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Solon; Missouri Police Chiefs Association; Lincoln University; R. Douglas Schwandt, University Of Missouri; Missouri Coalition Against Domestic And Sexual Violence; and the National Association Of Social Workers.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.