



NEW JERSEY

Association of State Colleges and Universities

150 West State Street, Trenton NJ 08608

Phone (609) 989-1100

NJASCU Testimony Senate Bill No. 778 Establishes Campus Sexual Assault Commission

**Senate Higher Education Committee
December 6, 2018**

The New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities support this legislation and thank the sponsor for giving NJASCU institutions a seat at the table. We do have one concern, however, about the requirement to “develop and administer” a campus climate survey every three years. Our institutions already do campus climate surveys, so this requirement would be duplicative of the efforts already undertaken at the schools. We suggest that in lieu of the current language, the bill should be amended to direct the commission to ensure that these surveys are done on each campus on a regular basis. Moreover, administering a campus climate survey every three years is too frequent if you are also creating an action plan from the data and implementing programs as a result. We support a requirement to conduct climate surveys, but suggest a 4 or 5 year cycle to better allow institutions time to implement initiatives for meaningful change before collecting additional data.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

www.njascu.org

*The College of New Jersey
Kean University
Montclair State University*

*New Jersey City University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rowan University*

*Stockton University
Thomas Edison State University
William Paterson University*