

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(Amended in Committee 4/28/16)

[Administrative Code - Establishing the Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force to advise the Board of Supervisors regarding proposed policies to reduce sexual assault at educational institutions; and setting forth the membership and duties of the Task Force.

Existing Law

There is currently no task force or other City advisory body dedicated to advising the Board of Supervisors regarding policies to reduce sexual assault at educational institutions.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would create a Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force. The Task Force would last for 12 months, at the end of which it would submit to the Board of Supervisors a written report analyzing relevant State and federal laws regarding on-campus sexual assault, recommending best practices for colleges and universities in the City to reduce sexual assault, and recommending steps that the City could take to assist those institutions toward that goal.

The Task Force would have ten members. The Board of Supervisors would appoint six members, including:

- A current or former employee, officer, or volunteer at a rape crisis center in the Bay Area;
- A person with experience as a peer educator addressing prevention, education, or outreach regarding sexual assault;
- An advocate for survivors or witnesses of sexual assault;
- A survivor of sexual assault or an employee or representative from an organization that represents or counsels survivors; and
- Two representatives of local colleges, universities, or other institutions of higher education in the City, with experience or expertise in protocols, laws, and resources addressing sexual assault on campus.

The other four seats would be held by:

- An employee of the District Attorney's Office, appointed by the District Attorney;
- An employee of the Police Department with experience working in the Department's Special Victims Unit, appointed by the Chief of Police;

- An employee of the Department of Public Health, appointed by the Director of Health;
and
- The Director of the Department on the Status of Women or the Director's designee.

Background Information

This legislative digest reflects amendments adopted by the Rules Committee on April 26, 2016 to increase the number of seats on the Task Force and to extend the life of the Task Force from six to 12 months.

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