

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - 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 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 three years. No later than 12 months after its inaugural meeting, and every 12 months thereafter, the Task Force would submit to the Board of Supervisors an annual written report analyzing relevant State and federal laws regarding on-campus sexual assault, recommending best practices for middle schools, high schools, 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 14 members. The Board of Supervisors would appoint eight members, including:

- A current or former employee, officer, or volunteer at a rape crisis center in the Bay Area, with experience or expertise in prevention of and education regarding sexual assault and outreach, resources, and services for survivors of sexual assault;
- A person with experience as a peer educator addressing prevention of and education regarding sexual assault, and providing outreach, resources, and services for survivors of sexual assault;
- An advocate for survivors or witnesses of sexual assault, with expertise or experience in criminal justice proceedings or resources and support services for survivors of sexual assault;
- A survivor of sexual assault or an employee or representative from an organization that represents or counsels survivors of sexual assault;
- An employee, officer, or other adult representative of a middle school, high school, college, or university in San Francisco, with experience or expertise in protocols, laws, and resources addressing sexual assault on campus;

- An employee, officer, or other adult representative of a middle school, high school, college, or university in San Francisco, with experience or expertise in protocols, laws, and resources addressing sexual assault on campus;
- A student of a high school or other secondary-educational program in San Francisco; and
- A student of a college or university in San Francisco.

The other six seats would be held by:

- An employee of the District Attorney's Office with experience working in the Office's Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse Unit, 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 with experience or expertise related to sexual assault, appointed by the Director of Health;
- An employee of the Human Rights Commission, appointed by the Director of the Human Rights Commission;
- The Director of the Department on the Status of Women or the Director's designee, who must be an employee of the Department; and
- An employee of the San Francisco Unified School District, with experience or expertise in prevention of and education regarding sexual assault, and outreach, resources, and services for survivors of sexual assault, appointed by the Superintendent.

Background Information

In April 2016, in Ordinance No. 89-16, the Board of Supervisors established a Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force ("2016 Task Force") comprised of ten members. Ordinance No. 89-16 required the 2016 Task Force to 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, including changes in law or policy, to assist those institutions toward that goal.

In December 2017, the 2016 Task Force issued its Report and Recommendations setting forth a set of recommendations for addressing on-campus sexual assault, primarily at the college and university level. In accordance with the terms of Ordinance No. 89-16, the 2016 Task Force sunsetted in December 2017.

In February 2023, the Youth Commission passed Resolution No. 2223-AL-06 urging the Board of Supervisors to reinstate the Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force, and to include youth representation on the task force.