

**ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES:
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CLIMATE SURVEY
AND
IBHE TRUSTEE RESOURCES**

**Illinois Board of Higher Education
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**Required Trustee
Training:
Sexual Violence on Campus**

Trustee Training – *Requirement*

Voting board members of public universities must complete a minimum of 4 hours of professional development leadership training within 2 years of beginning service and every 2 years thereafter. [Board of Higher Education Act, [110 ILCS 205/13](#)]

- Training should include, among other things:
 - public university and labor law
 - contract law
 - ethics
 - sexual violence on campus
 - financial oversight and accountability
 - audits
 - fiduciary responsibilities
- Training may be provided by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) or qualified provider approved by IBHE.

Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act

110 ILCS 155

Higher Education Comprehensive Policy

Beginning in 2016, each institution of higher education in Illinois have been required to adopt and maintain a

“...comprehensive policy concerning sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking...”

Required Components

Each policy must include:

- Definition of consent
- Reporting procedures
- Institutional response procedures including complaint process, possible sanctions, amnesty provisions, prohibition of retaliation
- Survivor's rights
- Information about nearest medical facility
- Information about nearest sexual assault crisis center

Campuses must also:

- Confidential advisor to provide support
- Sexual violence prevention & awareness training for all students

**Preventing Sexual Violence
in Higher Education Act:
Amended to Create
Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey**

Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey

Legislation passed in 2021 requires IBHE to chair a Task Force to develop a base survey for distribution to all higher education institutions.

The Task Force met through the beginning of 2024 to develop the base survey and recommendations for delivery and achieving statistically valid response rates.

Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey

The Task Force has developed a survey to collect anonymous responses related to:

- Student demographic information
- Perceptions of campus safety & student wellness
- Understanding of sexual misconduct resources on campuses
- Understanding of sexual consent
- Individual experience with
 - Sexual & gender harassment
 - Personal safety, distress & discomfort
 - Domestic & dating violence
 - Sexual violence & misconduct
 - Campus support services

Sexual Misconduct Climate Survey

Survey Next Steps...

- Task force updated report in January 2024
- Recommends seeking state funding to hire a 3rd party to manage the distribution of survey to ensure all campuses and students are able to complete survey
 - IBHE is seeking additional funding in FY26 budget

More Info including Task Force Report

<https://www.ibhe.org/ibhe-SMCSTF.html>

Illinois Board of Higher Education Trustee Resources

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Public University Acts

Chicago State University Law, **110 ILCS 660/5-1**
Eastern Illinois University Law, **110 ILCS 665/10-1**
Governors State University Law, **110 ILCS 670/15-1**
Illinois State University Law, **110 ILCS 675/20-1**
Northeastern Illinois University, **110 ILCS 680/25-1**
Northern Illinois University, **110 ILCS 685/30-1**
Southern Illinois University Management Act, **110 ILCS 520/0.01**
University of Illinois Trustees Act, **110 ILCS 310/0.01**
University of Illinois Act, **110 ILCS 305/0.01**
University of Illinois at Chicago Act **110 ILCS 320/1**
University of Illinois at Springfield Law, **110 ILCS 327/40-15**
Western Illinois University, **110 ILCS 690/35-1**

Generally Applicable Laws – Public Universities

Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), **30 ILCS 708/1**
Open Meetings Act (OMA), **5 ILCS 120/1**
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), **5 ILCS 140/1**
State Finance Act, **30 ILCS 105/1**
Board of Higher Education Act, **110 ILCS 205/0.01**
Procurement Code, **30 ILCS 500/1-1**
Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act, **50 ILCS 105/0.01**
State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, **5 ILCS 430/1-1**
Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act, **30 ILCS 10/1001**
Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act, **115 ILCS 5/1**

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Questions?

Thank you!