



FACT SHEET

# STOP CAMPUS HAZING ACT

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## THE PROBLEM:

Hazing has been a persistent problem in American higher education. In fact, a national study on hazing found “55 percent of college students involved in clubs, teams, and organizations experience hazing.” The same report found that students’ exposure to hazing prevention efforts is limited. Since 2000, there have been more than 100 hazing-related deaths.

## THE SOLUTION

The bipartisan *Stop Campus Hazing Act* addresses this continuing problem and is the result of tireless advocacy from affected families, campus safety professionals, and dedicated organizations. Additionally, **H.R. 5646** respects schools' existing processes and provides clear guidance on reporting and transparency—measures that will provide more flexibility for institutions.

- Specifically, the *Stop Campus Hazing Act* (H.R. 5646):
  - **Combats Hazing and Protects Students:** This bill requires that universities report hazing incidents under the *Clery Act* and creates a clear and consistent definition for hazing statistics across all postsecondary institutions.
  - **Educates and Prevents:** The legislation requires institutions to provide comprehensive hazing prevention programs for faculty and students to avoid hazing before it occurs and cultivate a culture of respect on campus.
  - **Leaves Room for Flexibility:** The new reporting and educational requirements for institutions are balanced by respect for existing anti-hazing processes at the institution and state level.

**BOTTOM LINE:** The bipartisan *Stop Campus Hazing Act* will help combat hazing and protect students across the nation.