

END ALL Hazing Act

The *END ALL Hazing Act* seeks to prevent hazing incidents by increasing transparency and accountability for student organizations on college campuses. It would require schools to have a web page, updated twice a year, that shares information about student organizations disciplined for hazing or other misconduct that threatened the well-being of students in the last five years. Included would be details of corrective measures imposed on the organization by the school, which will help students and caregivers make more informed decisions about which student organizations to join.

Problem

- Hazing is a major threat to student safety and health. It is evident through media reports that hazing is a persistent issue on college campuses within fraternities & sororities, sports teams and student organizations of all types.
- Unfortunately, hazing can start before college, beginning with high school extra-curricular clubs and organized sports. An estimated 50 percent of high school students report that they have been exposed to hazing.
- Hazing often continues into the college years and may be combined with forced alcohol and drug consumption, creating dangerous, life-threatening situations for students. No student on any campus should have their health and safety threatened in this way.

Solution

- Research shows hazing prevention is best accomplished through comprehensive measures, including proactive education, as well as transparency and accountability for organizations that allow hazing to occur.
- The END ALL Hazing Act takes a comprehensive approach to institutional transparency and student organization accountability.
- The bill would require institutions to prepare and make publicly available, to all applicants or enrolled students, a comprehensive report each July 1 and January 1 of **all formal findings** of a student organization in violation of the institution's standards of conduct or Federal, State, or local law related to hazing, or other conduct that threatens a student's physical safety.
- The report would detail the following information for each student organization found in violation: (1) the name of the organization; (2) a general description of the violation, charges, findings, and sanctions placed on the organization; and (3) the dates when the violation was alleged to have occurred, the organization was charged with the misconduct, and the investigation was initiated and concluded.
- The report **does not include** any personally identifiable information for any individual student or member of a student organization.
- The END ALL Hazing Act would require institutions to report any allegation of hazing that involved serious bodily injury or a significant risk of serious bodily injury of a student to campus police and appropriate law enforcement authorities within 72 hours of receiving such allegation.
- The bill also provides a federal definition for the terms "hazing" and "student organization" to ensure consistency in the law.
- South Carolina and Pennsylvania have already adopted laws similar to the END ALL Hazing Act at the state level, but it also is important for federal law to include these disclosures to cover students at all domestic schools that are subject to the Higher Education Act.