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**Testimony for the  
Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee  
Public Safety & Security Committee Informational Hearing  
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Thank you for inviting me to speak to you today on behalf of the member institutions of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC). I have been asked to briefly highlight what private non-profit colleges are doing with regard to campus safety and security and to introduce a national partner with whom we are planning a collaborative effort.

Currently, all colleges are subject to both state and federal mandates related to campus security. The federal [Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act](#) mandates that colleges and universities annually file a Campus Security Report with the federal government and make the report available to students and employees. This report must include crime statistics for the prior three years, policy statements regarding various safety and security measures, campus crime prevention program descriptions, and procedures to be followed in the investigation and prosecution of alleged sexual offenses. At the State level, PA 12-78 mandates reporting, policy and training in this area.

Campuses have behavioral codes of conduct for students to follow and campus judicial processes that cover an array of offenses. They also incorporate training on matters of sexual violence into new student orientation programs. Many campus staff work throughout the year together through the CONNSAC supported Connecticut College Consortium Against Sexual Assault, which provides information, strategies and resources. Additionally, they use the CONNSACS campus climate report as a tool to help to improve campus processes and requirements.

In early October, I learned of a pilot program developed by Pennsylvania's private college group and the Clery Center. The Center is a leader in Clery Act compliance, best practices, and education and partners with individuals and institutions to promote safer campus communities. The Center's **Collaborative Membership Program** provides institutional teams with tools to support Clery Act compliance, campus crime prevention, and effective partnerships for understanding and fostering best practices.

I have been in discussions with Center staff about bringing this collaborative training program to Connecticut for my members and any interested public institutions. Given our small size as a state, I believe that much of the training could be done locally and that we would therefore be able to share and lower the costs.

At a broader security and safety level, CCIC members have worked collaboratively on campus safety issues for many years. Most notable is the memorandum of agreement signed by several colleges that outlines protocols in working together in an emergency. Hartford area campus safety teams have developed a resilient all-hazards approach to emergency management that includes facilities, residential life, health services, public safety, information technology and food services groups. College and university representatives in other regions are also working together to implement best practices in maintaining safe and secure campuses.

Albertus Magnus College, Connecticut College, Fairfield University, Goodwin College, Mitchell College, Quinnipiac University, Rensselaer at Hartford, Sacred Heart University, St. Vincent's College, Trinity College, University of Bridgeport, University of Hartford, University of New Haven, University of Saint Joseph, Wesleyan University, Yale University

We take all campus security issues seriously and work with students and our employees to recognize inappropriate behavior and to support members of our community who are the victims of sexual and other violence.