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AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE,
ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND ELECTION AUDITS.

AMENDMENT

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See Fiscal Note Details

The amendment establishes a twenty-two-member Council on Sexual Misconduct Climate Surveys, which will be part of the legislative department. The council members will be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. This potential cost is anticipated to be minimal. By January 1, 2022, and every two years thereafter, the council will submit a report to the higher education committee including the data points that each institution's survey must encompass, the recommended sexual misconduct climate surveys, and the recommended guidelines for survey implementation.

The amendment requires employers to give an employee two hours of unpaid time off from his or her regularly scheduled work on the day of a regular state election to vote, if the employee requests it in advance. This is effective until June 30, 2024.

The amendment states that a voter's name and address is confidential and prohibits their disclosure from the voter registry list if the voter submits a signed statement to the secretary of the state indicating that nondisclosure is necessary for the safety of the voter or his or her family. Giving a false statement is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison, up to a \$2,000 fine.

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