



TITLE IX COMMENT GUIDE

WHAT IS TITLE IX?

a federal rights civil law that holds schools to certain standards when dealing with gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, & sexual violence

WHO DOES IT EFFECT?

schools k-12, colleges, universities, both private & public, & survivors of sexual violence and harassment

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

the department of education has proposed changes that are harmful to survivors & do not hold schools to a high standard of student care

UNDER THESE CHANGES...

schools could **IGNORE** assault & harassment **OFF-CAMPUS, ABROAD, ONLINE, & OUTSIDE A SCHOOL ACTIVITY**

even though 87% of college students live **OFF-CAMPUS**

this number is **EVEN HIGHER** in NYC

schools would **BE REQUIRED** to **IGNORE** harassment that is **NOT "SEVERE" ENOUGH**

students would **HAVE** to suffer **REPEATED HARASSMENT** until it **ESCALATES** to **EXTREME** levels

schools **ARE NOT REQUIRED** to investigate unless students speak to a **TITLE IX COORDINATOR** or **HIGHER-UP...**

...instead of confiding in **COACHES, TEACHERS,** or some other person they **TRUST**

isolating **STUDENTS OF COLOR & LGBTQ** students

...who may prefer to speak to someone who **SHARES** their **IDENTITIES**

survivors would **HAVE** to submit to **CROSS-EXAMINATIONS** in **LIVE HEARINGS**

cross-examinations **RE-TRAUMATIZE** SURVIVORS

allow **UNFAIR** representation based on students' **INCOME LEVEL**

...& harms **SURVIVORS OF COLOR** because of **RACIAL** or **CULTURAL BIAS**

WHAT YOU CAN DO & HOW TO DO IT

1. PARTICIPATE IN THE ONGOING COMMENT AND NOTICE PERIOD

the public has **60 DAYS** to submit comments to the department of education on the proposed regulations

the DOE is **REQUIRED** to personally **READ AND RESPOND TO** every single **"UNIQUE" COMMENT**

any comments that are **"TOO SIMILAR"** will be counted/read as **ONE COMMENT**

to avoid this, include **STATISTICS, STUDIES, & PERSONAL ANECDOTES** in your comments

cite **SPECIFIC PARTS** of the proposed regulations

this can **SLOW DOWN** the process of regulations becoming law & even **CHANGE THEM ENTIRELY**

comments are due **JANUARY 30, 2019**

find a sample comment **HERE**

find relevant data **HERE**

cite and summarize regulations **HERE**

submit your comments **HERE**

2. GET INVOLVED

team up with **STUDENT GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS** on your campus

contact your **TITLE IX COORDINATOR/ADMINISTRATION**

host a **COMMENT-WRITING** session

team up with **COMMUNITY LEADERS/ORGANIZATIONS**

contact your **ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

find local & national nonprofits **HERE**

find your elected officials **HERE**

3. SUPPORT MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS

push for **REPRESENTATION** and **INTERSECTIONALITY**

support **COMMUNITIES OF COLOR** and **LGBTQ INDIVIDUALS** on campus

exhibit **CULTURAL HUMILITY**

learn about racial discrimination in rape cases **HERE**

understand the dangers of exoticism **HERE**

find resources for survivors of color **HERE**