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Campus Fire Safety
Right-to-Know Act



The Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act

Included as part of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Opportunity Act

Original bill was sponsored by Congressman Pascrell and Senator Lautenberg, both of New Jersey, and requires colleges to report fire safety information to the U.S. Department of Education.



The Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act

- A) Statistics concerning the following in each on-campus student housing facility during the most recent calendar years for which data are available:
- i) the number of fires and the cause of each fire
 - ii) the number of injuries related to a fire *
 - iii) the number of deaths related to a fire
 - iv) the value of property damage caused by a fire



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- C) The number of regular mandatory supervised fire drills



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- D) Policies or rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames (such as candles), procedures for evacuation, and policies regarding fire safety education and training programs provided to students, faculty, and staff, and
- E) Plans for future improvements in fire safety, if determined necessary by such institution



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2) Report to the Secretary:

Each eligible institution participating in any program under this title shall, on an annual basis, submit to the Secretary a copy of the statistics required to be made available under paragraph (i)(A).



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3) Current Information to the Campus Community

Each eligible institution participating in any program under this title shall -

- A) Make, keep, and maintain a log, recording all fires in on-campus student housing facilities, including the nature, date, time and general location of each fire; and
- B) Make annual reports to the campus community on such fires



Anticipated Regulatory Language

- Each eligible institution...that *maintains on-campus student housing facilities* shall, on an annual basis, publish a fire safety report, which shall contain information with respect to the campus fire safety practices and standards of that institution, including—



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- On-Campus Housing Facility- tentatively being defined as in the Clery Act
 - Housing built by foundations
 - Third parties, such as private developers



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- 1) A description of each on-campus student housing facility fire safety system
- 2) The number of fire drills held during the previous calendar year



GWU Matrix

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Foggy Bottom Residential Facilities	Fire Alarm Monitoring Done On Site (by UPD)	Partial 1 Sprinkler System	Full 2 Sprinkler System	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguisher Devices	Evacuation Plans/Placards	Number of evacuation (fire) drills each academic year
1959 E St.	X		X	X	X	X	2
2109 F St.	X	X		X	X	X	2
Aston	X		X	X	X	X	2
Building JJ	X	X		X	X	X	2
City Hall	X		X	X	X	X	4
Crawford	X	X		X	X	X	4
Dakota	X		X	X	X	X	2
FSK	X	X		X	X	X	2
Fulbright	X		X	X	X	X	2
Guthridge	X	X		X	X	X	2
HOVA	X		X	X	X	X	2
International House	X		X	X	X	X	2

1. Partial Sprinkler System is defined as having sprinklers in the common areas only.
2. Full Sprinkler System is defined as having sprinklers in both the common areas and individual rooms.



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- 3) Policies or rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in a student housing facility
- 4) Procedures for student housing evacuation in case of a fire
- 5) Policies regarding fire safety education and training programs provided to students, faculty, and staff
 - must describe the procedures that students and employees should follow in the case of a fire



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- 6) For purposes of including a fire in the statistics in the annual fire safety report, a list of the titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report that a fire occurred
- 7) Plans for future improvements in fire safety, if determined necessary by the institution



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Fire Statistics

- Publish in annual fire safety report statistics for 3 most recent calendar years, for on-campus student housing only --
 - Number of fires and the causes of each fire
 - Number of injuries related to a fire that result in treatment at a medical facility
 - Number of deaths related to a fire
 - Value of property damage caused by a fire



Tentative Definitions

- *Fire*: Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.
- *Fire drill*: A supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire.



Tentative Definitions

- *Fire-related injury*: Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of the fire. The term person may include students, faculty, staff, visitors, firefighters, or any other individuals.



Tentative Definitions

- *Fire-related death:* Any instance in which a person is killed as a result of a fire, including death resulting from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire. Dies within 1 year of injuries sustained as a result of the fire.



Tentative Definitions

- *Fire safety system*: Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire, or the control of a fire including-
 - Sprinkler or other fire extinguishing systems
 - Fire detection devices
 - Stand-alone smoke alarms
 - Devices that alert one to the presence of a fire, such as horns, bells, or strobe lights
 - Smoke-control and reduction mechanisms
 - Fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of a fire



Tentative Definitions

- *Value of Property Damage*: The estimated value of the loss of the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity, including
 - Contents damaged by fire
 - Related damages caused by smoke, water, and overhaul
 - Does *not* include indirect loss, such as business interruption



Fire Log

- 1) Must maintain a fire log that records any fire that occurred in an on-campus student housing facility
 - By date the fire was reported
 - Written and easily understood
 - Includes the nature, date, time and general location of each fire
- 2) An entry, or an addition to an entry, must be made within two business days of the receipt of information



Fire Log

- 3) Fire log for the most recent 60-day period must be open to public inspection during normal business hours.
 - Any portion of the log older than 60 days must be available within two business days of a request for public inspection



Annual Report

- An annual report must be made to the campus community on the fires recorded in the fire log
 - May be included as a part of the annual fire safety report
 - Statistics also reported to ED



Timeline for Compliance

Aug. 14, 2008
HEOA
provisions
effective

July/Aug 2009
Proposed rules
published for
comment

Nov. 1, 2009
Deadline for
release of final
rules

July 1, 2010
Final rules
take effect



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