

COREY Safety Act

H.R. 8406



COREY (College Operational Reporting of Emergencies Involving Teens and Young Adults)

FACTS:

- Accidental injuries are estimated to be the leading cause of student death at college.
- According to a study by the ACHA on student mortality published by NIH in 2013, crimes account for .53% of student deaths, whereas accidents account for 10.8%. By applying this data, it follows that students are at least **20 times more likely to die from an accidental injury than a crime.**
- Federal law mandates that colleges publicly report crime, fire-related events, and missing persons. However the reporting of incidents resulting in serious injury and student death are not required when, in reality, an accidental injury is much much more likely to occur.
- A substantial and critical void exists in the data collected, and metrics used, to identify, manage and minimize serious injury and death in college communities.

What the **COREY Safety Act** Calls For:

- To amend the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, to expand required college safety reporting to include incidents resulting in death or serious physical injury.*
- To create necessary metrics that meet a new safety standard to allow students, parents, and stakeholders to view, invest, and improve college safety from all angles.
- To make easily accessible emergency care information on a college's website, including the name, address, and distance to the closest Level 1 Trauma Center to the campus. This posting will help families make informed decisions and to quickly locate this information during medical emergencies.
- To change our colleges' public security report title from referencing "security" to "safety". This requirement enables colleges to compile all necessary campus safety information into a single document titled "Campus Safety Report".

**As defined in CT Penal Code Sec. 53a-3. Definitions: "Serious physical injury" means physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes serious disfigurement, serious impairment of health or serious loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ.*

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This bill has drawn nationwide support from organizations advocating for more transparency in student injury and mortality data, including the Injury Prevention Research Center at Emory University (IPRCE), the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR), Shepherd Center (Atlanta, GA), Safe/Sound Schools (Newtown, CT), University of Virginia-Gordie Center, MedTacGlobal, Positive Youth Development (Westport, CT), the Connecticut Children's Hospital, and the College Safety Coalition (Rail Against the Danger, Inc., Rachael's First Week, Minger Foundation, Gordie Center, Peace Outside Campus, and College911.net™).

The COREY Safety Act honors Corey Hausman who died from what began as a preventable accident just 15 days into his freshman year. His was the third student death at his college in those first 15 days.