



STUDENT SENATE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

77th STUDENT SENATE Legislation Cover Sheet

Senate Proclamation #: 26

Primary Sponsor(s): Druckmann, Cordero

Short Title: *Supports sexual assault awareness and prevention practice and recognition at Florida State University.*

Summary of Legislation:

This proclamation serves in efforts to create a safe, respectful, and supportive campus environment. It acknowledges the prevalence of sexual violence on college campuses and encourages FSU's dedication to prevention, education, and express support for all survivors.

Background Information:

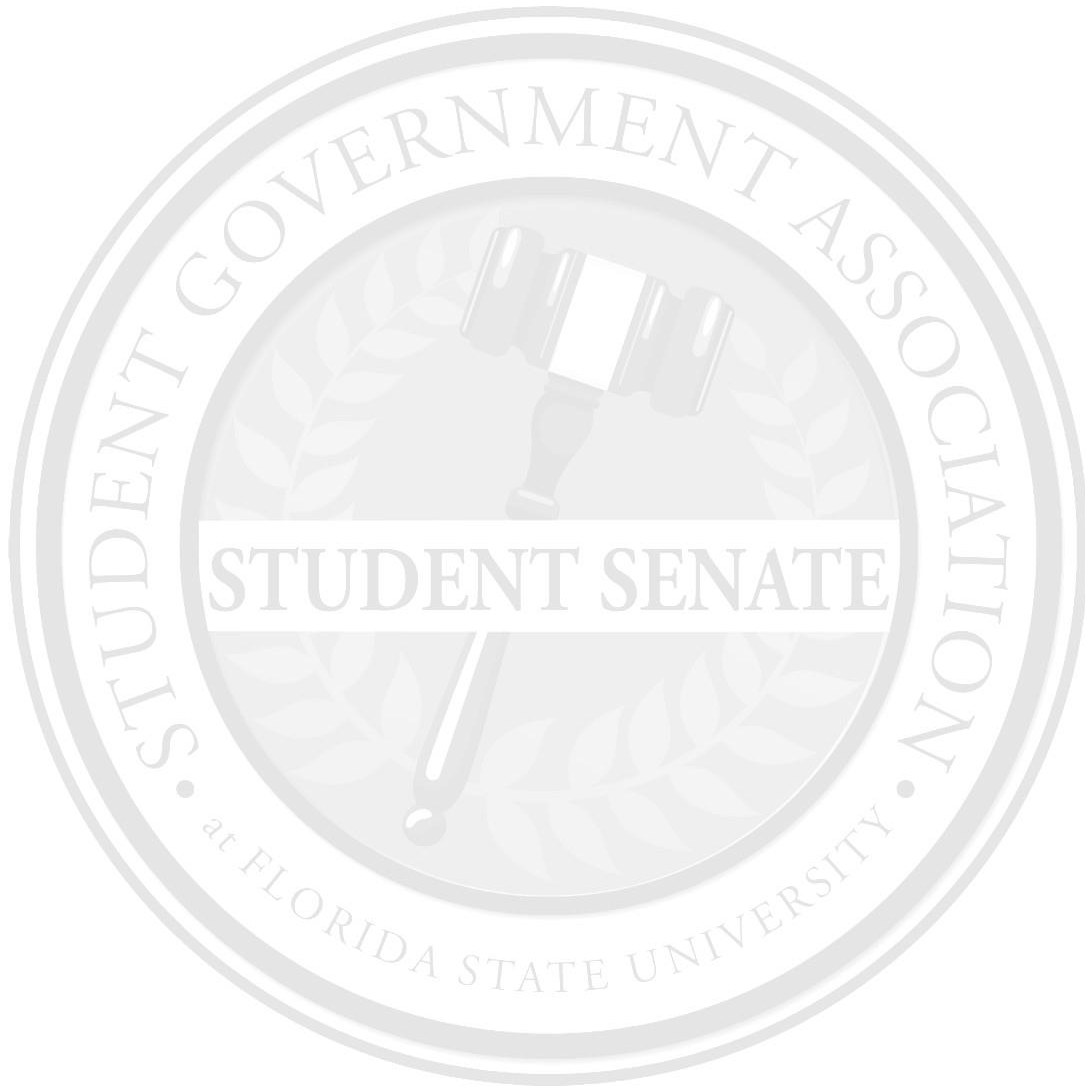
This proclamation arises from the present public health crisis of sexual violence on college campuses; a problem the university community acknowledges and has an existing commitment to address. The legislative background highlights alarming statistics, including that 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college, and that nearly a third of sexually victimized students drop out of school entirely, according to RAINN. Furthermore, a lack of awareness about available support is noted, with less than half of students at the University of Florida knowing about their campus's sexual misconduct resources. While Florida State University already provides resources like the RSO Students for Sexual Assault Awareness (SSAA) and the kNOW MORE initiative, the Student Senate is calling for an enhanced, active response with more protective measures to ensure a safer and more supportive environment.

Effect of Proposed Legislation:

The effect of this legislation is to formalize the Student Senate's position by officially urging Florida State University to enhance its protective measures and resource availability against sexual violence. It specifically mandates an increase in advocacy and awareness for existing support services, while also recommending the adaptation of new practices, such as providing and advertising self-defense tools and classes to increase campus and individual safety for all students.

Attachment(s):

- Attachment #1: Proposed Proclamation





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A PROCLAMATION

Proclamation recognizing sexual assault awareness and prevention resources

1 **WHEREAS**, Sexual violence, in any form, is a pervasive public health issue that impacts individuals,
2 families, and communities.

3 **WHEREAS**, According to Florida State University research, 1 in 5 women and 1 of 16 men are sexually
4 assaulted while in college. Approximately 43% of total on-campus crimes in the United States,
5 including sexual assault, occur on college campuses.

6 **WHEREAS**, According to Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), 34.1% of students who
7 experience sexual victimization drop out of school entirely; only 45% of students at the University of
8 Florida knew about the resources available in their campus sexual misconduct policy.

9 **WHEREAS**, Based on data from the Victim Advocate Program, FSU reported a total of 219 sexual
10 violence cases for the 2024-2025 school year. A striking 69 of those cases occurred solely within
11 FSU dormitories between May 1, 2025, and the present.

12 **WHEREAS**, Florida State University is committed to creating a safe, respectful, and supportive campus
13 environment free from violence, where all members can thrive academically and personally.

14 **WHEREAS**, Several resources are currently available on campus including the RSO Students for
15 Sexual Assault Awareness (SSAA), Victim Advocate Program and kNOW MORE initiative. These
16 resources act to spread awareness and destigmatize sexual assault while advocating for SA victims
17 and affected individuals.

18 **WHEREAS**, The Student Senate urges the university to provide more resources and protective
19 measures to increase campus and individual safety. With the above resources present on campus,
20 it is important to increase advocacy and awareness for sexual assault, as well as possibly adapt
21 new practices providing self-defense tools and classes advertised to all students

22 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the 77th Student Senate at Florida State University**
23 **that:** The Student Senate proclamation serves as a formal demand for Florida State University to
24 enhance its commitment to sexual assault prevention and survivor support. Citing concerning

25 statistics on campus sexual violence and lack of resource awareness, the resolution specifically
26 calls upon the university to provide more resources, protective measures, and implement new
27 practices such as advertising self-defense tools and classes to improve overall campus safety.

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to: Richard McCullough, President
29 of Florida State University; Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student 53 Affairs;

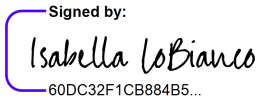
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DONE AND ADOPTED by the 77th Student Senate at Florida State University this 5th of November, 2025.

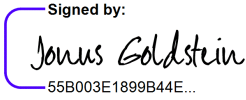
SENATE VOTE: 47-0-0

COMMITTEE REFERENCES AND DATES OF PASSAGE:

- Passed Student Life Committee (11.02.25)

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Isabella LoBianco
Student Senate President

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Jonus Goldstein
Student Senate President Pro Tempore

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