

The following is a list of legislation that JDI supports in the current legislative session. This will be updated over time and does not necessarily represent all bills that JDI may support.

Education and Prevention

An Act Relative to Sexual Violence on Higher Education Campuses (SD817/HD3294)

Comprehensive legislation to address policy, prevention and services to student experiencing sexual assault at institutions of higher education.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Michael Moore and Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier

An Act Requiring Sexual Misconduct Surveys at Institutions of Higher Education (SD340/HD599)

Mandate campus sexual assault climate surveys at all institutions of higher education

Lead Sponsors: Sen. William Brownsberger and Rep. Lori Ehrlich

An Act Relative to Healthy Youth (SD579/HD827)

Ensure that sexuality education, when taught, is age appropriate and medically accurate.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Rep. James O'Day, and Rep. Paul Brodeur

Human Rights

An Act to Protect the Civil Rights and Safety of All MA Residents (Safe Communities Act) (SD926/HD1520)

Preserve and restore community trust in police by separating law enforcement and immigration, making it safer for survivors to come forward to seek support and services.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. James B. Eldridge, Reps. Ruth Balser and Liz Miranda

Economic Justice

An Act Relative to the Defense against Abusive Waivers (SD1225/HD195)

Prohibits the use of abusive "pre-dispute waivers" of important employee rights, including in cases of sexual harassment in workplaces.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Harriette Chandler and Rep. Kenneth Gordon

An Act Relative to Well-Being & Care of a Child (Lift the Cap on Kids) (SD1453/HD3043)

Eliminating the harmful "family cap" on TAFDC which prohibits families receiving benefits for some children.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Marjorie Decker

An Act to Lift Kids out of Deep Poverty (SD1328/HD2367)

Set a floor on cash assistance at 50% of the federal poverty level

Lead sponsors: Sen Sal DiDomenico and Rep Marjorie Decker

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Jane Doe Inc., the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence advocates to improve access to services, resources, and justice for all communities. Our Coalition is comprised of 57 member sexual and/or domestic violence organizations located throughout the Commonwealth. JDI works with our members and community partners to eliminate conditions that enable sexual and domestic violence to occur and advance the cause of justice.