

## 2019 Legislative Session - Status of Bills Related to Domestic and Sexual Violence

Bill Number and Title	What It Does	Status
<a href="#">H. 3 (Act 1)</a> – Ethnic and Social Studies	Creates the Ethnic and Social Equity Standards Advisory Working Group to review standards for student performance adopted and recommend to the State Board updates and additional standards to recognize fully the history, contributions, and perspectives of ethnic groups and social groups.	Passed and signed by Governor
<a href="#">H. 7 (Act 7)</a> - An act relating to second degree aggravated domestic assault	Allows out of-state domestic assault conviction to qualify as a prior conviction for purposes of a second degree aggravated domestic assault prosecution in Vermont.	Passed and signed by Governor.
<a href="#">H. 19 (Act 8)</a> - An act relating to sexual exploitation of a person in law enforcement officer custody	Creates a crime of sexual exploitation of a person detained, arrested or in the custody of a law enforcement officer.	Passed and signed by Governor.
<a href="#">S. 23</a> – An act related to the minimum wage	Increases the minimum wage.	Passed by Senate, House proposed amendment. No agreement reached in 2019 session.
<a href="#">H. 57</a> - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion	Recognizes as a fundamental right the freedom of reproductive choice and prohibits public entities from interfering with or restricting the right of an individual to terminate the individual’s pregnancy.	Passed and signed by Governor.
<a href="#">S. 105</a> – Miscellaneous Judiciary: Task Force on Campus Sexual Harm	Section 24 creates a Task Force charges with looking at campus sexual harm. Three key areas of focus: Current Title IX processes and restorative alternatives, proposed rule changes to Title IX, transcript notation proposals. First meeting called by July 15 <sup>th</sup> , ceases to exist March 15 <sup>th</sup> 2020.	Passed legislature. Awaiting action by Governor.
<a href="#">H. 132</a> - An act relating to adopting protections against housing discrimination for victims of domestic and sexual violence	Adds victims to list of protected classes under fair housing law and outlines a process for early lease termination, lock changes and security measures for victims. Also includes a study by the Treasurer’s office related to housing bonding and language requiring the Department of Health to serve as the statewide agency tasked with serving as the resource on rental housing safety.	Passed and signed by Governor.
<a href="#">H. 104</a> – Professional Regulation – Massage Therapy	Asks the Office of Professional Regulation at the Secretary of State’s office to conduct a small study about whether regulating massage therapists could prevent sexual misconduct at the hands of massage	Passed and signed by Governor.

	therapists and the relationship between regulation and human trafficking.	
<a href="#">S. 133</a> – Juvenile Jurisdiction	Makes technical fixes to youthful offender law and one substantive change regarding who can argue to treat cases as Youthful Offender	Passed legislature. Awaiting action by Governor.
<a href="#">S. 169</a> – Miscellaneous Firearms Bills	Establishes a 24-hour waiting period on all handgun transfers in Vermont requiring a background check. Makes other technical changes to firearms laws to allow for high capacity magazines for shooting sports events.	Passed legislature. Vetoed by Governor
<a href="#">H. 330</a> – An act relating to repealing the statute of limitations for civil actions based on childhood sexual abuse	Lifts statutes of limitations on civil claims related to child sexual abuse. Seals all complaints until a motion to dismiss is ruled upon. Lifts the “lookback window” on claims against entities retroactively – lifted completely for claims that occurred or were discovered within 6 years and creates a gross negligence standard for claims brought against entities regarding claims outside of the 6 year window.	Passed and signed by Governor.
<a href="#">H. 413</a> – An act relating to recognition and enforcement of Canadian domestic violence protection orders	Adopts a uniform act recognizing and enforcing abuse prevention orders that were issued in Canada	On the wall.
<a href="#">H. 460</a> – Expungement	Permits victims of human trafficking to vacate a conviction (for a non-listed crime) that was obtained as a result of being a victim of human trafficking (i.e. drug possession). Creates a small study group including the Network to review and report on changes to the prostitution statute. Report due October 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Passed and signed by Governor.
<a href="#">H. 512</a> – Miscellaneous Judiciary: Alimony	Prospective changes to alimony law. Changes assets decisions from permanent to long term, and allows retirement to be considered as a factor for payees or payors.	Passed legislature. Awaiting action by Governor.
<a href="#">H. 542</a> – Appropriations Bill: Incarcerated Women	Section E 126.3 Joint Justice Oversight tasked with looking at the release of non-violent women offenders for whom community-based treatment and services would be more appropriate.	Passed legislature. Awaiting action by Governor.
<a href="#">H. 543</a> – Capital Bill: Incarcerated Women	Section 28 includes intent language related to working with the Council on State Governments for Justice Reinvestment 2.0 which will look at Vermont’s population of incarcerated women, among other items. Section 2 allows for \$200K to be spent with approval of Joint Justice Oversight and Joint Fiscal Committee on scoping related to facility replacement of various sizes.	Passed legislature. Awaiting action by Governor.