

## **Bill #3**

### **The Sexual Education Act**

**WHEREAS** “In the Canadian post secondary education system, sexual harassment and abuse continues to be overlooked by institutions; without proper forms of preventative measures.”<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** “Student development and counseling services saw an increase of over 200 hundred percent in demand from student crisis situations at a single Canadian university in 2014”<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** “As many as 44 percent of female students experienced some form of sexual violence or unwanted sexual touching while attending the university.”<sup>3</sup>

#### **THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF MANITOBA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

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- 1** As of January 1, 2016 the Government of Canada shall establish **SAFE** [Sexual Assault Federalized Education], a mandatory sexual harassment/campus rape awareness and prevention course for all post secondary institutions.
  - (1) For completion, Canadian students will be required to take a four-month long course to gain the requirement for graduation.
    - (a) **SAFE** must be completed in the first semester of their first year at any Canadian institution.
    - (b) Failure to complete the requirement will result in students receiving a failing grade on their official transcript as well as being unable to register for courses in their second and subsequent terms until the **SAFE** requirement is met.
- 2** The primary academic focus of **SAFE** will be to pilot realistic learning situations that are appropriate to the students for comprehension of:
  - (1) Consent Education and safety
  - (2) STIs and HIV/AIDS
  - (3) Alternative lifestyles, including but not limited to homosexual relationships, heterosexual relationships, asexuality, bisexuality, transsexualism, transgenderism, and polyamorous relationships.
  - (4) Mental health and stress management
  - (5) Scenarios involving campus rape, consent and prevention methods of sexual misconduct
    - (a) The purposes of this policy are:
      - i. To be educational, in that its existence will increase awareness of and sensitivity to the negative impact of sexual harassment;

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<sup>1</sup> “Campus Sexual Assault: Suggested Policies and Procedures” American Association of University Professors. <http://www.aaup.org/report/campus-sexual-assault-suggested-policies-and-procedures>

<sup>2</sup> Lunau, Kate. “The Mental Health Crisis on Campus” Maclean’s. September 5 2012. <http://www.macleans.ca/education/uniandcollege/the-mental-health-crisis-on-campus/>

<sup>3</sup> Sawa, Timothy and Lori Ward. “Sex Assault Reporting on Canadian Campuses” CBC News. February 9 2015. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sex-assault-reporting-on-canadian-campuses-worryingly-low-say-experts-1.2948321>

- ii. To prevent sexual harassment by indicating the seriousness with which Canadian universities and institutions view these issues

**3 SAFE** will be graded based off of in-class attendance, examination and assignments.

- (1) To achieve a passing grade, students must receive a minimum of 70% of the various class components.
- (2) Class components will consist of three in class tests with a total weight of forty-five percent, assignment one weighing ten percent, assignment two weighing fifteen percent and the third assignment weighing thirty percent.
- (3) The course will include a one-hour lecture each week, as well as a single, one-hour lab bi-weekly.
- (4) SAFE Instructors will be comprised of mental health professionals, sexual harassment professionals, and medical health professionals.
- (5) The course-leading professor will oversee all guest speakers

**4** In addition to **SAFE**, all Canadian universities must meet a quota for students to mental health professionals within the post-secondary institution.

- (1) Per every 450 students, one mental health professional must be available.
  - (a) Failure to meet this quota will result in the post secondary institution being issued a fine of \$1,500 for each student that does not have immediate access to a mental health professional.
  - (b) The collection of these fines will go towards a fund for students to use towards predetermined professional, private counseling and mental health resources, which are unavailable at their current institution.