

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

Executive Director's Note: *This is our newest addition to the ASUM platform, and we welcome feedback from the community. As always, our hope is to get our legislation and initiatives passed. However, we also recognize that the first year a piece of legislation is introduced is an opportunity to learn and build consensus. This is what we did with mental health, and it has been a winning strategy to date. This platform consists of two separate proposals, with greater emphasis on the statutory approach.*

Legislation

- There is currently a section in state statute dealing with health / sexual health education in Missouri high schools. In this section is a list of eight requirements dealing with what this kind of education—should a school choose to offer it—must encompass.
- We propose adding a ninth item to that list: Requiring conversations about sexual harassment, sexual violence, and consent.

Title IX Funding

- Title IX offices represent another crucial part of preventing and dealing with sexual violence on college campuses. We believe there is a need for additional funding so that these offices can adequately carry out their functions—many are currently overbooked and understaffed.
- We do not intend to request this funding from the State, but rather to work with the University of Missouri System to discuss ways in which funding for these programs could be incrementally increased.