



*The Senate of Maryland*  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

TESTIMONY OF SENATOR SHELLY HETTLEMAN

SB 961

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training – Designated Coordinator – University System  
of Maryland

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A few years ago, the General Assembly mandated a sexual harassment training program for state workers. At that time, we designated the Title IX Coordinator at University System of Maryland institutions to be the individual who would work with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights to coordinate the training. In conversations with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights this summer, we learned that the Title IX Coordinators were not always the best individuals in the system to have this training liaison responsibility.

This bill is a tweak of current law that will permit the University System of Maryland to have flexibility in selecting the appropriate designee for the training coordinator by removing the mandate that it be the Title IX Coordinator.

USM has an amendment to clarify that a “unit” is an individual institution of the system, which clarifies its application.

I urge you to give SB 961 a favorable report. Thank you.