



## 2019-2020 Legislative Session: Priorities Legislation

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 ([S764/H1209](#))**

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 ([S736/H1208](#))**

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 ([S263/H410](#))**

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)**

([S1401/H3573](#))

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 ([S1049/H1625](#))**

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) ([S37/H104](#)) **House and Senate override Governor veto 4/25/19****

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 ([S36/H102](#))**

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

**Lead sponsors:** Sen Sal DiDomenico and Rep Marjorie Decker

**On Solid Ground Coalition** JDI is a member of OSG and supports the full policy agenda: <https://onsolidgroundma.org/>

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## 2019-2020 Legislative Session: Other Supporting Legislation

The following is a list of other 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.

### Economic Justice

#### **An Act to Further Provide a Rental Arrearage Program ([H1264](#))**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Marjorie Decker

#### **An Act Improving the Earned Income Credit for Working Families ([H2434](#))**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Marjorie Decker

#### **An Act to Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion Access (ROE Act) ([S1209/H3320](#))**

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Harriette Chandler and Reps. Patricia A. Haddad and Jay Livingstone

#### **An Act to Increase Access to Disposable Menstrual Products in Prisons, Homeless Shelters, and Public Schools (I AM.) ([S1274/H1959](#))**

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Patricia Jehlen and Reps. Jay Livingstone and Christine Barber

### Human Rights

#### **An Act Relative to Female Genital Mutilation ([S834/H3332](#))**

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Joseph A. Boncore & Reps. Natalie M. Higgins & Jay Livingstone

#### **An Act to Assure Informed Consent for Pelvic Examination of Anesthetized or Unconscious Patients ([H1991](#))**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Denise Provost

### Systems Change

#### **An Act Protecting Survivors of Rape and Their Children ([S914/H3295](#))**

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Sal N. DiDomenico and Reps. Carmine Gentile and Michelle DuBois

#### **An Act Promoting the Safety of Individuals in Custody ([H1483](#))**

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Kay Kahn & Marjorie Decker

#### **An Act to Assure Informed Consent for Pelvic Examinations of Anesthetized or Unconscious Patients ([H1991](#))**

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Denise Provost

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